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In the second half of this volume, the school trip arc begins!
Everyone's feelings are deepening, and things are shifting,
on the inside and the outside.
Where will it go? Find out in volume 17!

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## CHITOGE KIRISAKI

A half-Japanese bombshell with stellar athletic abilities. Short-tempered and violent. Comes from a family of gangsters.

## KOSAKI ONODERA

A girl Raku has a crush on. Beautiful and sweet, Kosaki has no shortage of admirers. She's a terrible cook but makes food that *looks* amazing.

## RAKUICHIJO

A normal teen whose family happens to be yakuza. Cherishes a pendant given to him by a girl he met ten years ago.

## SHU MAIKO

Raku's best friend is outgoing and girl-crazy.

## RURI MIYAMOTO

Kosaki's best gal pal. Comes off as aloof, but is actually a devoted and highly intuitive friend.

## YUI KANAKURA

A childhood friend of Raku's, Yui is the head of a Chinese mafia gang and the homeroom teacher of Raku's class at his school. She is currently staying at Raku's house and also has a special key linked to some kind of promise...

## MARIKA TACHIBANA

Daughter of the chief of police, Marika is Raku's fiancée, according to an agreement made by their fathers—an agreement Marika takes very seriously! Also has a key and remembers making a promise with Raku ten years ago.

# CHARACTERS & STORY

Ten years ago, Raku Ichijo made a promise with a girl he loved that they would get married when they met again...and he still treasures the pendant she gave him to seal their pledge.

Thanks to his family's circumstances, Raku has to pretend he's dating Chitoge Kirisaki, the daughter of a rival gangster. Despite their constant spats, Raku and Chitoge manage to fool everyone. Chitoge has a token from her first love ten years ago—an old key. Meanwhile, Raku's crush, Kosaki, also has a key, as does Marika, the girl Raku's father has arranged for him to marry. Now, Raku's childhood friend Yui has been hired as their homeroom teacher. It turns out that she, too, has a key connected to a special promise. Raku's love life gets crazier and crazier!

## SEISHIRO TSUGUMI

Trained as an assassin in order to protect Chitoge, Tsugumi is often mistaken for a boy.

## HARU ONODERA

Kosaki's adoring younger sister. Has a low opinion of Raku.

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IS THIS REALLY OKAY?!

STAYING THE NIGHT WITH ONODERA?!

# Chapter 144: Sleepover

W-WAIT, AUNTIE!!

OH HO HO

ENJOOOY! ♡

We're out in the sticks, you know.

THEY STOP EARLY ON THE WEEKENDS.

ANYWAY, THERE ARE NO MORE BUSES TODAY.

KA

POW

THAT'S RIGHT! ONODERA'S MOTHER IS PLAYING SOME KIND OF JOKE...

YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG! WE'RE NOT DATING!!

OH, YOU TWO! NO NEED TO BE BASHFUL!

KCHAM!

TEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE

GOOD NIIIIGHT!

SO THERE YOU HAVE IT. ENJOY YOURSELVES! ♡

NOW WHAT?!

NOW...

...

BUT WE'RE JUST CLASSMATES, AFTER ALL...

AS LONG AS ICHIJO DOESN'T MIND, I'M HAPPY...

B-BMP

B-BMP

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING!!

I'M FINE WITH IT, BUT WHAT ABOUT HER?

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO STAY IN THE SAME ROOM...

B-BMP

B-BMP

I TRUST YOU, ICHIJO.

IT'S NO BIGGIE.

OKAY?

W-WHAT SHOULD WE DO, ONO-DERA?

IF THERE'S ANOTHER ROOM AVAIL-ABLE, I'LL STAY THERE.

I'M SURE YOU'D BE MORE COM-FORTABLE THAT WAY, RIGHT?

OH...

BUT THE INN'S ALL BOOKED UP TONIGHT.

UM...

I'M TOTAL-LY FINE WITH THIS.

TH... THANKS...

W-WAIT...WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

I'M GLAD SHE TRUSTS ME, BUT IT'S ALMOST LIKE SHE DOESN'T SEE ME AS A GUY...

TRYING HER HARDEST TO BE FRIENDLY.

Okay?

HUH?

YOU'RE RIGHT! WE SHOULD!

AFTER ALL, THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A REWARD!

WELL, I GUESS WE'D BETTER JUST GO WITH THE FLOW. WE MIGHT AS WELL ENJOY THE RESORT!

THAT'LL MAKE IT LESS WEIRD!

HEY, LOOK! THERE'S A PARTI-TION!

RIGHT! PER-FECT!

SLEEPING SIDE BY SIDE WOULD BE KINDA WEIRD.

SHOULD WE MOVE THE FUTONS APART FIRST?

OH!

OH... YEAH, RIGHT!

SHOOT...

HEY, YOU TWO!

FWSH

JOLT!!

SIDE BY SIDE WOULDA BEEN WEIRD, BUT THIS IS SUPER AWKWARD!

WHAT DID I DO THAT FOR!

GAH!!

GOTTA GET SOME CONVER-SATION GOING!

KCHAM

WELL, THIS'LL BE NICE.

YEAH. HOT SPRINGS ARE A TREAT!

I'LL CLOSE DOWN WHEN YOU FINISH.

ALL THE OTHER GUESTS ARE DONE, SO YOU'LL HAVE THE PLACE TO YOURSELVES.

YOU CAN GO IN THE BATH NOW.

OH. SURE!

AS THE GUY, I SHOULD SET THE TONE.

THIS IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

JUST WHEN THINGS WERE GETTING REALLY AWKWARD...

PHEW...

GOOD EVENING!

HEY, ONE OF THE GUESTS IS STILL HERE.

...FOR WHEN WE GET BACK TO OUR ROOM.

GOT TO THINK OF A FUN TOPIC OF CONVER-SATION...

SHLOOSH

HMM?

MUST COME UP WITH A STRATEGY.

OH!

GOOD EVENING.

SPLISH

M-ME?! W-W-WHAT ABOUT YOU?!
W-W-W-WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN HERE?

WHA
AAAAAAAAT?
ONODERAAA!!
ICHIJOOOO?!

Coed bathing area

I HAVE NO IDEA...

THIS ISN'T ONE OF FOUR-EYES' PLOTS...

WHY ARE WE IN THE SAME BATHING AREA?!

WE DEFINITELY WENT INTO SEPARATE CHANGING ROOMS...

CO-ED?!

I'M SORRY, ICHIJO ...

I SHOULD'VE GOTTEN THIS INFORMATION...

DON'T APOLOGIZE.

I DIDN'T NOTICE EITHER.

THIS IS A COED HOT SPRINGS RESORT?!

YOU NEVER MENTIONED ...

I DIDN'T KNOW!

I'VE NEVER WORKED IN THE BATHING AREA!

The boss didn't say anything either!

ACTUALLY...

I REALLY...

...DON'T MIND.

THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT OKAY, RIGHT?

I DON'T MIND BATHING LATER. YOU CAN STAY AND BATHE NOW.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO? TAKE TURNS?

IT'S OKAY?!

THAT IS, IF YOU DON'T MIND, ICHIJO...

BATH TIME'S ALREADY OVER. IF WE TAKE TOO LONG, THEY'LL HAVE TO WAIT FOR US TO SHUT DOWN, RIGHT?

B-BESIDES...

SHE'S WAY TOO EASY-GOING!!

ARE ALL GIRLS LIKE THIS?!

...

SHE WAS OKAY WITH SHARING A ROOM TOO... MAYBE ONODERA'S WAY MORE RELAXED ABOUT THIS STUFF THAN I EXPECTED...

THIS IS ALL RIGHT?!

FOR REAL?!

IT'S OKAY?!

THAT'S ALL.

IT'S OKAY BECAUSE IT'S YOU...

GUYS ARE LIKE WOLVES, YOU KNOW?

YOU'RE A GIRL, AND I'M A GUY. YOU SHOULD BE A BIT MORE CAREFUL AROUND GUYS, ONODERA.

NO WAY. THIS CAN'T BE OKAY.

WHAT AM I SAYING ?!

THAT'S NOT IT!

SPLISH

B

YOU MEAN...

...

WHA...

MY FACE IS SO HOT.

BLUSH BLUSH

OH, I SEE.

SO...I TRUST YOU...

YOU'RE SUCH A GENTLE-MAN!

I-I MEAN...

Thank you.

GOTTA START SOME CONVERSATION!

WAIT, NO! THIS IS GOING TO BE LIKE WHAT HAPPENED IN THE ROOM, ALL OVER AGAIN!

FWSH

FWSH

WHOA. THE NEEDLE ON MY HAPPINESS METER IS OFF THE CHARTS. I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT!

WELL, I GUESS IF ONODERA DOESN'T MIND...

IS THIS REALLY OKAY?

B-BMP

B-BMP

...I HAD NO IDEA ALL OF THIS STUFF WOULD HAPPEN.

WHEN I INVITED YOU TO WORK WITH ME, ICHIJO...

WOW... IT'S REALLY BEEN QUITE A DAY, HASN'T IT?

LOOK-ING BACK ... IT'S PRETTY FUNNY!

...AND FOUND OUT WE'RE SLEEPING OVER TOGETHER ...

FIRST, THERE WAS THAT LITTLE INCIDENT EARLIER TODAY...

...AND THEN WE WOUND UP COOKING TOGETHER...

...AND NOW WE'RE BATHING TOGETHER.

I STILL DON'T REMEMBER THAT...

ACCORDING TO YUI, WE EVEN BATHED TOGETHER BACK THEN.

...ELEVEN YEARS NOW ACTUALLY- APPARENTLY WE MET THEN TOO.

AND TEN YEARS AGO...

YOU AND I SURE HAVE A CRAZY CONNECTION, ICHIJO.

FSHH

YEAH.

WHENEVER WE'RE TOGETHER, I HAVE SO MUCH FUN.

I'M GLAD WE GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER, ICHIJO.

RIGHT NOW...

...I FEEL LIKE I COULD SAY ANYTHING.

IT'S WEIRD.

MY HEART'S POUNDING...

BUT MY HEAD FEELS SO LIGHT...

"...BUT NOW WE'RE GOOD FRIENDS."

"MAYBE WE MADE THAT PROMISE ...

MAYBE THINGS WILL BE JUST THE SAME...

OH. COME TO THINK OF IT, SHE DID SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

IF ONODERA TURNED OUT TO BE THE GIRL I MADE THE PROMISE WITH, I WONDER HOW SHE'D REACT.

A CONNECTION FROM TEN YEARS AGO...

"WHEN WE SAID GOODBYE, HE GAVE ME THIS KEY.

"TEN YEARS AGO, I MET A BOY.

...BUT I WE DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE SAME ONE I REMEMBER.

BASED ON WHAT SHE'S TOLD ME, ONODERA REMEMBERS MAKING A PROMISE WITH SOMEONE...

HUH?

IN OTHER WORDS...

"...HE WAS MY FIRST LOVE."

"NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY...

...WAS ME?!

ONODERA'S FIRST LOVE...

*ONLY TOOK HIM ONE WHOLE YEAR TO REALIZE.

DAMN! I DON'T KNOW!!

OR AM I OVER-THINKING THIS?!

OR MAYBE THERE WAS ANOTHER BOY, AND WE JUST DON'T REMEMBER HIM!

AFTER ALL, I WAS THE ONLY BOY IN THAT GROUP TEN YEARS AGO...

WAIT, WAIT! I HAFTA CALM DOWN. IS THIS REALLY TRUE?!

"...I WAS THINKING WAS...

"...I REALLY HOPE THAT BOY IS YOU."

EVEN IF SHE HAD FEELINGS FOR ME BACK THEN, I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE FEELS NOW...

WELL... ANYWAY, I'VE GOTTA CALM DOWN! THAT WAS TEN YEARS AGO!

"WELL... ACTUALLY...

"WHAT...

BA-DMP

GLAD?

WHY WOULD SHE HOPE...?

WHY...

BA-DMP

BA-DMP

...

BUT LAST YEAR, WHEN YOU TOOK ME TO YOUR SECRET SPOT...

I KNOW THIS IS OUT OF THE BLUE...

CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING ?

HEY, ONODERA ...

...YOU'D BE GLAD IF I WERE YOUR FIRST LOVE?

WHY DID YOU SAY...

WELL...

BECAUSE...

HUH?

ONO-DERA?

SPLISH

BLUB BLUB BLUB

BLUB

HELLLP!!

W-WHAT HAPPENED?!

ONODERA?! WHAT'S WRONG?!

AAAUGH!!

ICHIJO, I'M SORRY...

...I MADE YOU WORRY.

NO... I...

I'M SO SORRY!

I-was surprised!

I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

OH, FOR PETE'S SAKE! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GOT OVERHEATED AND PASSED OUT IN THE BATH, KOSAKI!

I JUST HELD YOU UP SO YOU COULD BREATHE. THE BOSS TOOK CARE OF YOU AFTER THAT!!

N-N-N-NO!!

...SEE?

...

DID YOU...

Helllp! Helllp!

ZONK

It's true!

...

...

...I NEVER GOT AN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION.

Good night!

Good night!

IN THE END...

YES.

WELL, ANYWAY, WE SHOULD GET TO BED NOW.

YOU MUST BE TIRED TOO, ONODERA.

THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR HELP YESTER-DAY.

I'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU BOTH BACK SOMETIME.

I'll pay you more!

THANK YOU, MA'AM!

DIDN'T SLEEP A WINK.

GEEZ, I AGONIZED OVER IT THE WHOLE NIGHT.

BUT INSTEAD, I TOTALLY MADE A FOOL OF MYSELF...

THAT WAS MY BIG CHANCE TO TELL HIM HOW I FEEL...

I DIDN'T EXPECT ICHIJO TO ASK ME ABOUT THAT!

I WONDER IF ONODERA REMEMBERS WHAT I ASKED HER YESTERDAY.

SIGH... THERE GOES OUR TIME ALONE TOGETHER.

AT THIS POINT, I'D REALLY RATHER SHE JUST FORGOT...

KTUNK

I'LL THINK ABOUT THIS STUFF LATER.

BUT NOW IT'S TIME TO GO HOME AND GET SOME REST.

PSHOO

WELL, THERE'S PLENTY OF STUFF I WISH HAD GONE DIFFER-ENTLY...

ZZZ

ZZZ

...AND REST...

GET HOME...

Zzz...
OMG
OMG
OMG
OMG
OMG
OMG
OMG
OMG
OMG
OMG

AND FOR SPORTS!!

THE SEASON FOR ART!

IT'S AUTUMN!!

THE SEASON FOR GREAT FOOD!

# Chapter 145: Sports

BANG!

IT'S OUR SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVAL!

CALM DOWN...

YES. THAT'S CHITOGE, ALL RIGHT!

SHE REALLY LOVES THIS KINDA THING.

Mistress, you're amazing, as always!

YIPPEE!

Great weather!

DON'T GO TOO CRAZY, YOU TWO!

TSUGUMI!

WE'RE PLAYING SPORTS, SO DON'T HOLD BACK NOW! GIVE IT YOUR ALL!

RED TEAM

WHITE TEAM

AS YOU WISH, MISTRESS!

VERY WELL.

?

WHISPER WHISPER WHISPER

...BUT TO NO AVAIL!

I TRIED EVERY-THING TO NEGOTIATE A TEAM CHANGE ...

Hmph...

AT LEAST WE'RE USED TO IT.

WELL...

GO! MISTRESS!

GO! YOUNG MASTER!

GO! GO!

I TOLD THEM NOT TO COME...

Fight!

BEE HIVE

Just try to tune it out.

YOUNG MASTER! WE'RE CHEERING FOR YA!

GOOD LUCK, MISTRESS!

UGH.

I'M ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMIT-TEE.

JUST A FINAL POW-WOW ABOUT TODAY'S PLAN...

HEYA, RAKU!

WHAT'RE YOU UP TO, SHU?

YOU'RE MEETING NOW?

The festival's starting ...

WHISPER WHISPER

?

MWA HA HA HA HA HA

I SURE HOPE YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO TODAY'S SPORTS FESTIVAL.

RAKU ...

KNOCK IT OFF. YOU'RE SCARING ME.

What're you plotting?!

TEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE... HEH...

GLEAM!

BON

NOW FOR OUR FIRST EVENT. STARTING THINGS OFF...

...ARE THE RACES FOR EACH GRADE!

...BEGIN!

HOORAY——!!

LET THE BONYARI HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVAL ...

AND NOW...THE MOMENT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR!

凡矢理

KA-

FWOOSH

THAT WAS FAST!

CHATTER CHATTER

YOU TOO, MISTRESS! YOU DIDN'T EVEN TRAIN!

YEESH! YOU SURE ARE FAST, TSUGUMI!

CHATTER

FIRST PLACE, WHITE TEAM!

SECOND PLACE, RED TEAM!

THIRD PLACE IS...

BONYARI

You win!

Still running...

Holy moly!

What was that?!

HERE WE GO!

DON'T SLOW ME DOWN, OKAY?

OUR NEXT EVENT IS THE THREE-LEGGED RACE!

PARTICI-PANTS, ON YOUR MARKS ...

.....

OH...

You can do it!

YEAAAAH!

GO GO GO!!

Mwa ha ha ha ha ha

SHU WAS SURE ACTING WEIRD EARLIER.

I HOPE HE ISN'T PLOTTING SOME-THING...

YOU'LL DO ANYTHING TO WIN, WON'T YOU?

I THINK THAT'LL BE THE FASTEST WAY, NO?

AS SOON AS THE RACE STARTS, I'LL START RUNNING AND DRAG YOU ALONG.

I HAVE AN IDEA.

SCHF SCHF

Tee hee! ♪

WOWZA! LOOK AT THE PAIR FROM CLASS 2-C!!

BONYARI

THREE-LEGGED RACERS! READY, GET SET, GO!

BL

AM

THEY'RE SO FAST, THEY'VE LEFT THE OTHER PAIRS WAY BEHIND!

Er... Well...

Huh? Aren't you going to cheer?

OOOOOH!!

NO WONDER THEY'RE SO IN SYNC!

THIS PAIR IS A VERY FAMOUS COUPLE!

WHAT'S A FESTIVAL WITHOUT A LITTLE SPICE? ♡

BUT WHERE'S THE FUN IN EVERYTHING GOING SMOOTHLY? ☆

WA HA HA HA HA

ONE, TWO BONYARI ONE, TWO

HEH HEH...

SO FAR, SO GOOD, RAKU BABY!

GOOD THING WE PRACTICED AFTER SCHOOL, RIGHT?!

TEE HEE! WE'RE DOING BETTER THAN I THOUGHT!

ONE, TWO ONE, TWO

ONE, TWO ONE, TWO

CORRECTION. YOU *MADE* ME PRACTICE AFTER SCHOOL!

WHA...?!

THEY HAVE TO SQUEEZE EACH OTHER AND POP THE BALLOON BEFORE CROSSING THE FINISH LINE!

IT'S THE BALLOON-HUG CHALLENGE!

THE LEADERS ARE TURNING THE CORNER!

THEY'RE COMING TO A TRANSITION POINT!

THE BALLOON CHALLENGE IS A BRAND-NEW OBSTACLE, JUST CREATED TODAY!

NOW, LET'S SEE SOME PASSIONATE HUGGING, ATHLETES!

OH, BOY ...

WHAT THE HECK?! WE NEVER DID THIS IN THE PRACTICE SESSIONS!

OUR CLASS-MATES ARE COUNTING ON US.

WELL, I GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE.

Fight

Victory

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO SQUEEZE IT BETWEEN OUR BODIES?!

BUT HOW DO WE POP THE BALLOON?

THIS IS SHU'S WORK...

They want us to hug ?!

NO FAIR! NOBODY TOLD US...

YEEAAAAH!

ALL RIIIGHT!

?!

GAH! I'VE HAD IT!!

NGH!!

POP!!

SQUEEZE

C'MON... SQUEEZE HARDER!

IT WON'T POP LIKE THIS...

I KNOW, I KNOW!!

I didn't - Hey, don't touch me there!!

THE MALE MEMBER SEEMS A BIT MORE FATIGUED THAN HIS FEMALE COUNTER-PART, BUT THEY'VE DONE IT!

BONYARI

AMAZING! THE PAIR FROM 2-C HAS POPPED THEIR BALLOON!

OH! ONODERA'S IN THIS ONE...

OUR THIRD EVENT IS THE BREAD-EATING CONTEST...

Probably...

ARE THEY GONNA DO THAT FOR THE OTHER EVENTS TOO?

WHAT'S UP WITH CHANGING THE EVENT ALL OF A SUDDEN WITH NO NOTICE?!

Like this!

Stay calm, focus and nail it on the first try!

Got it?

I PRACTICED, I GOT ADVICE...

I HAVE TO DO WELL!

BONY

OKAY... I'VE GOT THIS!

HOP HOP

WHAT ?!

?!

HUH?

CHOMP

BOING

IT WAS JUST REGULAR STRING WHEN WE PRACTICED!

BOING

THE BREAD'S HANGING ON ELASTIC STRINGS?

AND IT'S MOVING ALL OVER THE PLACE!

OOOOOH...

I FEEL LIKE I SHOULDN'T BE WATCHING THIS!

GEEZ...

HOP

HOP

OOF...!

CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP

CHOMP CHOMP

I CAN'T GET IT!

YEAH! WHOSE IDEA WAS THIS?

...

ISN'T IT WEIRD HOW THEY'RE SWITCH-ING STUFF UP?

Don't worry about it!

I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK, "GOOD JOB, SHU!"

OH! I ALMOST FORGOT!

HEY, AREN'T BOTH OF YOU IN THE NEXT EVENT?

SORRY. I CAME IN LAST....

OH, RIGHT! YOU'RE LEADING THE CHEER TEAM!

YOU LOOK GREAT, BY THE WAY.

WHOA!

HM?

RAKU ICHIJO, WHERE'S THE MISTRESS?

HMPH! I DON'T NEED COMPLIMENTS FROM YOU!

...!

WHAT'S WITH THE OUTFIT, TSUGUMI?

IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO CHEER FOR THE MISTRESS?

SHOOM

SHE TOOK OFF TO PREP FOR HER NEXT EVENT.

OH. I WAS HOPING TO ASK HER SOMETHING ...

WHAT IS IT?

SHE SURE HAS A CONSCIENCE ...

I WANT TO CHEER FOR HER...

BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M THE CHEER CAPTAIN FOR THE WHITE TEAM.

IS IT APPROPRIATE, GIVEN MY ROLE, TO CHEER FOR AN OPPONENT?

I see.

HUH? WHY WOULDN'T IT BE?

...?

DON'T BE A MORON! IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.

THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO HAVE FUN, RIGHT?

I'M SURE CHITOGE WILL TOO!

WHEN YOU COMPETE, I'LL CHEER FOR YOU TOO!

YOU CAN CHEER FOR WHOM-EVER YOU LIKE!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THIS SO SERI-OUSLY. IT'S NOT LIKE GANG WARFARE.

Heeey !!

SEE?

CHITOGE'S WAVING AT US!

IT IS.

...

IS IT?

OH!

SHWOOP

YOU CAN DO IT, MISTRESS !!

GOOD LUCK!

MIS-TRESS !!

POP

YEESH. WHY ME?

HOBBLE HOBBLE

It wasn't my fault!

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT !!

BUT I...!!

KA POW

HAVE YOU MADE PLANS FOR LUNCH TODAY, DARLING RAKU?

TACHI-BANA?

WHAT'S UP?

RAKU DEAREEEEST !!

PLEASE WEAR THIS ONE! ♡

ISN'T THAT A COINCIDENCE? I JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE A CLEAN ONE!

HUH?

OH... THANKS!

OH, RAKU DEAREST, YOUR HEADBAND'S DIRTY!

IT IS?

SORRY... I'M GOING TO EAT WITH THE GUYS FROM HOME. THEY BROUGHT ME FOOD...

IF NOT, WOULD YOU CARE TO DINE TOGETHER ...?

OH, WHAT A SHAME!

OH, SORRY.

WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?

THE NEXT EVENT'S ABOUT TO START!

HEY! DAR-LING!

I LOVE MARIKA

HUH?

What do you mean?

IS THAT SOME KIND OF CHALLENGE?

CHEER FOR ME!

SEE YOU, DARLING!

GOOD LUCK...

DING DONG

ALL PARTICI-PANTS, PLEASE REPORT...

EVENT 12: SCAVENGER HUNT!

WE'RE ALL IN THIS ONE, REMEM-BER?

OH!

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT!

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

THE SCAVENGER HUNT!!

MWAHAHAHAHA

HEE HEE...

AT LONG LAST...

I know not of which you speak!

Hey... Lay off my boy-friend, would ya?

BONYARI

GET SET...

ON YOUR MARKS...

WHAP WHAP WHAP WHAP

GO!!

BL—AM!!

That special someone

WHAAAAAAAAT?!

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

WHOOO

WELL, I HAVE BUSINESS WITH MY DARLING RAKU TOO!

ACK! WHAT AM I THINKING?!

MY SPECIAL SOME-ONE? GEEZ ...

MARIKA, WOULD YOU GET OUT OF MY WAY?

I HAVE BUSINESS WITH MY DARLING!!

WELL, ME TOO!

HE'S *MY* BOYFRIEND, AFTER ALL!

OBVI-OUSLY, I HAVE DIBS!!

TA DAA!

That special someone

SEE HERE!

I'M SUPPOSED TO GO AND FETCH MY SPECIAL SOMEONE!

AND THAT WOULD BE MY DARLING RAKU!!

TA DAA!

That special someone

CALM DOWN, BOTH OF YOU...

HEY...

NO, ME!

I'M TAKING HIM!

THERE'S NOTHING OBVIOUS ABOUT IT!

WHICH OF YOU?

What's going on?

Whoa... Was-sup?

UH, THIS IS A TOUGH SPOT...

GLANCE

RAKU DEAREST!

HEY YOU!

WHICH OF US DO YOU WANT TO GO WITH?!

HUH?!

WAAAH

!

SORRY, TACHIBANA.

WITH ALL THOSE YAKUZA AND GANGSTERS WATCHING, I HAVE NO CHOICE...

WOULD YOU MIND LETTING CHITOGE HAVE THIS ONE?

GLANCE

FREEZE

VERY WELL.

IT'S A SHAME, BUT I SUPPOSE I SHALL CEDE THIS ONE TO KIRISAKI.

HUH?

Weird!

WHAT'S COME OVER YOU?

OH, WELL, UNLIKE YOU, I'M ABLE TO BE A BIGGER PERSON!

WELL, WELL!

THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A BIT OF A DISPUTE, BUT THE RED TEAM MEMBER IS BACK!

WOOO

APPARENTLY, THE CARD INDICATED FETCHING THE PLAYER'S SPECIAL SOMEONE!

YEAH!

YAAAY!

...CROSS-ING THE FINISH LINE HAND IN HAND!

IT'S BONYARI HIGH'S MOST FAMOUS COUPLE ...

BRAVO

What's this all about?

...

What's going on?

WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

♫

HO HO!

AHAHAHAHAHA

OH, YOU WANNA KNOW?

WELL...

JOLT!

?

ONODERA AND TSUGUMI BOTH LOOKED AT ME WHEN THEY DREW THEIR CARDS TOO. WHAT DID THEIRS SAY?

BY THE WAY...

HAHH...

HAHH...

...???

Geez, what a noisy crew!

PLIP

PLIP

IT SAID "SISTER"!

WHAT DID IT SAY, KOSAKI?

You need more punish-ment?!

DON'T YOU EVER SHUT UP?

Gak...

RAKU...

THOSE CARDS ACTUALLY SAID...

DRIP
DRIP...
WAAAH!!
Shu?!
You okay?!
It's bitter!! And spicy...?! And our...
W... What is this?!
KA-SPLUT!!
BLRGG!!
Shu's damage breakdown
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(Onodera) (Tsugumi)

# Chapter 146: Perfect

OF COURSE!

COME BY ANY TIME!

HEY, TEACHER, LISTEN!

I FOLLOWED YOUR ADVICE, AND I GOT A GREAT SCORE ON MY MATH TEST!

WILL YOU TUTOR ME AGAIN?

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WELL, HOW ABOUT ANOTHER BOOK BY THE SAME AUTHOR?

AWESOME! YES, PLEASE!

TEACHER! THE BOOK YOU LENT ME THE OTHER DAY WAS REALLY GOOD!

GOT ANY OTHER RECOMMEN-DATIONS?

WELL, I MET A FAMOUS COACH FROM SHIKKARI UNIVERSITY THE OTHER DAY...

WANT ME TO GET SOME ADVICE FOR YOU?

WOULD YOU? THAT WOULD BE GREAT!

I WANT TO DO WELL IN THE NEXT TRACK MEET, BUT I'M HAVING TROUBLE GETTING FASTER.

MS. YUI!!

TEACHER!!

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WOW, REALLY ?!

CONGRATU-LATIONS!!

YAY!

THANK YOU!! IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOUR ADVICE!

I DID LIKE YOU SAID AND ASKED MY CRUSH OUT...AND HE SAID YES!!

HEY, MS. YUI!

WELL, SHE'S PRETTY AMAZING.

WOW, MS. YUI SURE IS POPULAR.

I did! It was super tough!

Teacher, did you beat the game yet?

YAP YAP

I WAS CHILDHOOD FRIENDS...

...WITH YUI KANAKURA, ALSO KNOWN AS BIG SIS YUI.

...

HER PARENTS PASSED AWAY A FEW YEARS AGO, LEAVING HER ALONE IN THE WORLD.

I WANT TO OFFER HER AS MUCH SUPPORT AS I CAN...

SHE'S THE DON OF THE CHAR SIU KAI, ONE OF THE LARGEST CHINESE MAFIA SYNDICATES IN THE WORLD.

SHE ALSO MOONLIGHTS AS A TEACHER AT BONYARI HIGH. AND SHE LIVES AT MY HOUSE.

NOT AGAIN, MS. MISAKA!

I CAN'T GET MY WORKSHEETS READY IN TIME!

Help!

WAAAH! MS. KANAKURA!

BUT LATELY, I KINDA FEEL LIKE SHE DOESN'T REALLY NEED SUPPORT...

...FROM ANYONE!

ANOTHER TEACHER'S LEANING ON MS. YUI FOR HELP AGAIN.

...

HEY...

"I LOVE RAKU."

YOU USUALLY LIKE TO BE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THINGS.

HEY, CHITOGE. HOW COME YOU AREN'T UP THERE TOO?

TWITCH

FORGET IT.

Not the other way around?!

DID YOU JUST ASK IF *SHE'S* PULLED ANYTHING ON ME?

HEY, WAIT...

*OF COURSE NOT!!*

...

SHE HASN'T TRIED ANYTHING FUNNY WITH YOU AT HOME, HAS SHE?

*OH!*

WHAT'RE YOU DOING, YUI?

HUH?

THAT'S WHAT WE DECIDED, ICHIJO!

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO CALL ME MS. YUI AT SCHOOL, REMEMBER?

OH, RIGHT... ... I forgot.

...

HERE, LET ME HELP.

WHAT'RE THOSE FOR?

-FLICK-

OW!

HEY!

!

YOU'RE DOING HER WORK?!

SHE ASKED ME TO PICK SOME OUT FOR HER.

THEY'RE SOME REFERENCE BOOKS FOR MS. MISAKA'S WORK-SHEETS.

OH, I'M FINE!

I'M SUPER STRONG!!

IT'S GREAT THAT YOU'RE SO NICE TO EVERYONE, BUT YOU'LL RUN YOURSELF RAGGED!

YOU SURE YOU SHOULD BE TAKING THAT ON?

OH...

WELL, FINE THEN.

Welcome back, Young Master!

I'm home!

BUT THANKS FOR YOUR CONCERN, ICHIJO.

BESIDES, I REALLY ENJOY HELPING PEOPLE.

TA-

DAA!!

KOKESH

THOSE ARE YOUR THINGS, RIGHT?

I CAN DO MY OWN LAUNDRY, AT LEAST...

...

WOW, THAT'S AWESOME!!

OH, AND I GOT MORE OF THE BANDAGES THAT WERE RUNNING LOW.

HEY, RYU! I GOT SOME TREATS FOR THE GUYS!

Will you pass them out?

THANKS A TON!!

WELL, I LIVE HERE FOR FREE.

IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT NOT TO HELP OUT.

...

Do you have any dirty clothes?

BEEP

WEI?

NEI YI WEI?

RRRING! RRRING!

SHE REALLY WORKS TOO HARD!

MUST BE FROM THE CHAR SIU KAI.

OH!

SHE'S SPEAKING CHINESE!

—

—

SPLOOSH

STILL, THOUGH, I DIDN'T REALIZE UNTIL NOW HOW AMAZING SHE IS.

I GUESS THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A DON.

SHE'S ON A WHOLE DIFFERENT LEVEL THAN US...

Some kinda genius, I guess...

SHE CAN DO ANYTHING. AND EVERYONE ADORES HER.

Except for singing...

RYU AND THE GUYS?

WHO COULD THAT BE?

RATTLE

OH!

YUI, WHAT'RE YOU DOING ?!

I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE IN HERE, RAKKY!

SHE

YOU COULD AT LEAST CHECK IF SOMEONE'S IN HERE BEFORE YOU COME BUSTING IN...

I'D THINK YOU'D BE A BIT MORE CAREFUL!

I'M SORRY, REALLY. I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL IN THE FUTURE.

TEE HEE...

WELL, THERE'S BEEN A PROBLEM WITH THE PLUMBING...

An individual-sized one...

YOU HAVE YOUR OWN BATHROOM IN THE GUEST COTTAGE!!

YOU'RE SORRY?! WHY ARE YOU EVEN IN HERE?!

WELL, IT'S SUCH GOOD TIMING. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE IN HERE.

DON'T WORRY. I HAVE A SWIMSUIT RIGHT HERE.

WAIT A MINUTE... YOU WANT TO TAKE A BATH TOGETHER?!

Oh? Guess we'll come back later.

Closed for cleaning
Don't come in, please! ♥

SO THIS WAS PLANNED?!

WHY DO YOU HAVE A SWIMSUIT WITH YOU?!

I'LL JUST GO PUT A SWIMSUIT ON.

Hang on.

BE RIGHT BACK.

YOU'RE GOING TO WHAT?!

THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW MUCH A GUY CAN TAKE!!

WHAT THE HECK IS YUI THINKING?!

AW... BUT IT'S OKAY! WE'RE LIKE BROTHER AND SISTER!

IT'S NOT OKAY AT ALL! I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW, Y'KNOW!

I'M GETTING OUT!!

YEESH!

SOME KIND OF TOY?!

WHAT AM I TO HER, ANYWAY?!

...

HUH? OH... YOU'RE, UH...

I'M WARNING YOU...

LISTEN UP.

HEY, YOU SNOT-NOSED PUNK!

JOLT

YOU'D BETTER TAKE HER SERIOUSLY.

LIKE I SAID BEFORE...

WHAT?

...OF THE DON.

YOU SHOULD REALLY BE MORE AWARE...

WHAT?

??

SHOOP

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

SHOOP

?!

OH NO!

I FORGOT SOMETHING !!

TAK TAK TAK

DIIING DOOONG

I DON'T GET IT AT ALL...

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT, ANYWAY?

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

HUH?!

IT WASN'T LIKE THIS DURING HOMEROOM...

THE CLASSROOM'S SPARKLING CLEAN!

DID YOU DO THIS, MS. YUI?

YES. I'VE BEEN MAKING IT A DAILY PRACTICE BEFORE GOING HOME.

MS. YUI?!

WELL, HELLO!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE? I THOUGHT YOU'D GONE HOME!

THANKS. BUT I'M ALREADY DONE.

LET ME HELP.

I'D NOTICED THE CLASSROOM WAS SUPER CLEAN EACH MORNING. I ALWAYS WONDERED WHO DID IT...

Wow. This is incredible.

HUH?

SINCE WE'RE HERE, WANT ME TO HELP YOU WITH IT?

COME TO THINK OF IT, THE OTHER DAY YOU MENTIONED THERE WAS A PROBLEM YOU COULDN'T GET.

MY MATH NOTEBOOK.

OH, I FORGOT SOME-THING.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY'D YOU COME BACK?

MATH...

IF YOU SUBSTI-TUTE IN A VALUE HERE...

SO, THIS IS THE FORMULA FOR A CIRCLE WITH R AS ITS RADIUS AND AB AS ITS CENTER.

SO THEN... SEE?

SHE'S REALLY A STELLAR TEACHER.

YUI IS AMAZING.

AFTER WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY, SHE'S STILL TAKING TIME OUT OF HER BUSY DAY TO HELP ME. PLUS SHE CLEANED THE CLASSROOM FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.

YOU CAN CALL ME YUI.

WELL, HERE'S THE THING...

MS. YUI...

WHEN IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US...

...CALL ME YUI...

...RAKKY!

WELL, YOU KNOW...

BESIDES ...

SURE, IT'S FINE!

I MEAN, IT'S WEIRD! THERE'S NOBODY ELSE AROUND, RIGHT?

...

YOU SURE YOU SHOULD JUST CHANGE THE RULES LIKE THAT?

IT'S KIND OF SPICY, ISN'T IT?

A ONE-ON-ONE LESSON, WITH NOBODY ELSE AROUND...

OH?

There she goes again with the crazy talk!

IT IS NOT!

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?!

B-B-B-

B-BMP

WELL, IT IS FOR ME.

HUH?

ON THE OTHER HAND...

ARGH... SHE'S ALWAYS MESSING WITH ME...

B-BMP B-BMP

W-WHAT?! IS SHE TEASING ME AGAIN...?

B-BMP

RAK-KY...

I...

I'M SOR-RY...

AM I IMAGINING THINGS, OR IS HER FACE ACTUALLY KINDA RED?

DON'T TELL ME SHE'S ACTUALLY FEELING SOMETHING...

WHY?

WORM

HUH?

KA-KO

?!!

YUI ?!

WHA...

YUI!

YUI?!

HEY!

WHAT'S THE MATTER ?!

WHAT'S WRONG, YUI?!

YOU OKAY?!

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HEY!

HAHH...

CLATTER

OH, GREAT.

I EXPECTED AS MUCH.

WHAT SHOULD I DO? TAKE HER TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE? OR CALL AN AMBULANCE?!

A MINUTE AGO SHE SEEMED JUST FINE...

SHE'S FEVERISH!

I'M ACTUALLY OLDER THAN YOU.

YOU WANNA DIE?

GLEAM

MS. NIGHT, I MEAN.

You're older?!

TUNK

OH... IT'S YOU...

...CHA-

NIGHT...

SLAP

NOTHING SERIOUS.

SLAP SLAP

DOES YUI HAVE SOME KIND OF ILLNESS?

COME TO THINK ABOUT IT, YOU DID SAY SOME-THING YESTER-DAY...

...BIG SIS YUI TO FAINT?

YOU EXPECT-ED...

FIRST HELP ME CARRY HER HOME.

THEN WE'LL TALK.

JUST OVERWORKED.

?!

SHE'LL BE BETTER IN ONE NIGHT WITH MY CUSTOM BREWED CHINESE HERBS.

SHE'S FINE. IT'S THE USUAL THING.

MIX MIX

IS SHE REALLY OKAY?

MAYBE WE SHOULD CALL A DOCTOR...

DEPENDS ON THE SEASON. SHE'S A LITTLE EARLY THIS TIME.

USUALLY EVERY THREE MONTHS.

GRIND GRIND GRIND

THIS HAPPENS A LOT?

THE USUAL?

SHE'S BEEN PUSHING HERSELF TO THE LIMIT.

YOU JUST NEVER NOTICE.

IS IT REALLY OVER-WORK?

I MEAN, SHE WORKS REALLY HARD, AND I REALLY ADMIRE THAT...

BUT SHE SAID SHE WAS FINE...

WHAT ARE YOU, BLIND?

...

HOW DO YOU KNOW?

AND WHY WOULD YUI PUSH HERSELF SO HARD, ANYWAY?

To the point of collapse ?!

YOU DON'T GET IT AT ALL, DO YOU?

SHE PUSHES HERSELF...

...BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE ALONE AGAIN.

REALLY JUST A FEW TIMES...

UM...

HOW MANY TIMES DID YOU MEET HER PARENTS?

YOU KNEW EACH OTHER AS LITTLE KIDS, RIGHT?

YEAH...

?!

ALONE...

...AGAIN?

!!

SHE WAS ALWAYS ALONE.

EXACTLY.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KEPT HER GOING.

THAT'S WHAT I HEAR, ANYWAY.

HER PARENTS WERE ALWAYS BUSY.

AND THEY WERE ALSO SICKLY, SO THEY NEVER HAD THE TIME OR ENERGY FOR HER.

SHE HAD FRIENDS HER AGE IN HER OLD GRADE, BUT AFTER SKIPPING, THAT GOT HARDER.

HER PARENTS WERE AS BUSY AS EVER.

SHE WAS MORE AND MORE ALONE.

...THAT LED TO SKIPPING A GRADE AND BEING SEPARATED FROM YOU.

...

BUT IRONIC-ALLY...

SHE WORKED HARD IN SCHOOL TO PLEASE THE PARENTS SHE NEVER SAW.

...HER PARENTS DIED.

THAT WAS WHEN...

SHE WAS TRULY ALONE.

SHE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE ANY RELATIVES.

I WANT TO SEE RAKKY...

WHEN THAT HAPPENED, WHAT SHE WANTED MOST WAS...

I WANT TO SEE HIM.

...THE CHAR SIU KAI ALSO REARED ITS HEAD.

BUT AT THAT SAME TIME...

SHE LEARNED AND GREW AS THE DON OF THE SYNDICATE WHILE REUNITING THE DISPARATE FACTIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION. AND THEN SHE CAME TO JAPAN.

YOU'VE HEARD THE REST FROM HER.

SHE DID IT ALL TO SEE YOU.

THEY'D WANTED HER FATHER, ACTUALLY, BUT SINCE HE WAS GONE, THEY CHOSE HER INSTEAD.

THE TIME HAD COME FOR THE CHAR SIU KAI TO CHOOSE A NEW LEADER.

EVEN NOW THAT SHE'S HERE WITH YOU, THAT HASN'T CHANGED.

THAT WAS WHEN SHE GOT INTO THE HABIT OF WORKING TO THE POINT OF COLLAPSE.

SHE TENDS TO SHOULDER EVERYTHING ALONE AND WORK TOO HARD.

SHE CARES TOO MUCH ABOUT THE PEOPLE AROUND HER.

SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE ALONE AGAIN. SHE DOESN'T WANT TO EXPERIENCE LOSS.

Heh heh...

BUT YOU'RE SO CLUELESS.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH PEOPLE ADORE HER AND HOW HAPPY SHE LOOKS, SHE'S REALLY ALL ALONE.

IN THE END, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE SHE TRUSTS.

...YOU SHOULD REALLY...

...BE A BIT MORE UNDER-STANDING.

OF COURSE...

...SHE WOULD NEVER DREAM OF SAYING SO...

BUT I THINK...

...DIDN'T UNDER-STAND ANYTHING.

I...

I DIDN'T REALIZE.

NOTHING LIKE THE WEEPY, LONELY CHILD SHE'D ONCE BEEN...

MORE SKILLED AND COMPE-TENT THAN EVER...

SHE WAS ALL GROWN-UP, AND SO BEAUTI-FUL...

I HADN'T SEEN BIG SIS IN SO LONG.

I SHOULD'VE REALIZED SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE.

I HAD NO IDEA SHE ACTUALLY DEPENDED ON ME.

SHE SEEMED SO STRONG, LIKE SHE DIDN'T NEED ANY SUPPORT.

SHE'S SO TOUGH.

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

...NEVER NOTICED UNTIL THIS HAPPENED.

I...

...

MORE WORK?

THEY NEED TO CONSULT WITH THE DON ABOUT SOME-THING.

IT'S FROM THE JAPANESE BRANCH OF THE CHAR SIU KAI.

RRRRING! RRRRING!

RRING RRING!

MM...

BLINK

RRING RRING!

OH!

YOU'RE AWAKE!

WHFFF

OH...

I...

AND A PHONE CALL TO THE MAH-JONG CLUB...

AND A MEETING TO BOOK WITH THE COACH AT SHIKKARI U...

I HAVE WORK-SHEETS TO CREATE TODAY!!!

OH NO!! I CAN'T BELIEVE THE TIME!!

And cleaning the class-room... and laundry...

FORGET ALL THAT! LIE BACK DOWN!

PANIC PANIC

YOU CARRIED ME HOME?

THANK YOU.

DO YOU REMEMBER PASSING OUT AT SCHOOL?

You should relax!

GASP!

OH...

...

THE CHAR SIU KAI... WELL, THEY SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM.

I CALLED THE SCHOOL AND TOLD THEM YOU WON'T BE IN TOMORROW.

BUT YOU NEED TO REST RIGHT NOW.

SHE SAID YOU'VE COLLAPSED LIKE THIS BEFORE.

A NUMBER OF TIMES.

MS. NIGHT TOLD ME...

!

I feel bad...

I'M SORRY, RAKKY, TO CAUSE YOU ALL THIS TROUBLE.

...

I MEAN, I WOULD'VE TOLD YOU EVENTUALLY...

I TOLD HIM IT WAS A SECRET!

Ooooogh

...

SHE TOLD YOU ABOUT MOM AND DAD TOO?

?!

H-HE DID?!

WELL, MY DAD TOLD ME A LONG TIME AGO, REALLY.

YES...

YOU KNOW.

AT THE TIME.

...

WELL, YEAH...

IT WAS TOUGH, HUH?

!

...WHY WOULD YOU PUSH YOURSELF SO HARD?

IF YOU WERE REALLY OKAY NOW...

THE CHAR SIU KAI IS GREAT, AND I HAVE YOU TOO, RAKKY!

BUT...

I'M REALLY OKAY NOW.

I KNOW THAT'S PART OF IT TOO!

*HA HA!* YEAH, I KNOW!

...THAT YOU PUSH YOURSELF BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE AGAIN.

MS. NIGHT TOLD ME...

I GET IT.

I'M NOT PUSHING MYSELF TOO HARD... I LOVE MY LIFE!

TH-THAT'S NOT TRUE!

?!

I WON'T EVER LEAVE YOU ALONE.

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, WE'LL ALWAYS BE CONNECTED.

SO...

PAT

WE'RE FAMILY.

WHEN YOU'VE GOT A HEAVY LOAD...

...I WANT TO HELP CARRY IT.

RAKKY...

...

AH...

ALL THE MORE REASON...

...WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOURSELF.

HUH?

HEY...

DO YOU STILL THINK OF ME AS A REAL BROTHER, YUI?

WELL, OF COURSE...

...

SO...

ME TOO.

I THINK OF YOU AS A REAL SISTER.

I LIKE IT WHEN YOU PAT ME, RAKKY!

IT'S RELAX-ING!

H-HEH HEH...

HUNH?! WHAT'S COME OVER YOU NOW?!

WAAH!

HEY, STOP CRYING!

BUT...

WELL, I GOT PATS FOR YOU ANYTIME!

OH, YEAH?

!

THIS IS ALL BACK-WARD...

I'M THE OLDER SIBLING. THIS IS SILLY!

HEY, WHAT'RE YOU DOING, RAKKY?

SOB...

WAAH...

FINALLY.

...I SEE THE YUI I USED TO KNOW.

I FEEL LIKE...

UM...

SOUNDS TO ME LIKE...

THUMP-THUMP

WHAT'S ALL THE COMMO-TION?

KRASH KRASH

THIS IS A BIG DEAL!

GET OUTTA DA WAY!

YOU WANNA PIECE OF THIS?

AUGH! WHAT THE HECK?!

K-A-K-A-K-A-KRASH

SLAM

WHUD

YOU ALL RIGHT, DON?!

KA BAM

DOOOON!?

DON YUI!!

GUYS ...?!

WHOA!

WHOA!

THIS IS GOOD MEDI-CINE!

I KNOW A GOOD DOCTOR!

WE BROUGHT YOU LOTSA FOOD... CAN YOU EAT?

WE HEARD YOU COLLAPSED, SO WE CAME RUNNING...!!

SORRY TO CAUSE YOU WORRY.

THANKS, EVERY-ONE.

I'm okay!

...

I DIDN'T REALIZE THEY'D COME ALL AT ONCE...

...THEY ALL INSISTED ON COMING...

WHEN THEY CALLED AND I EXPLAINED THE SITUATION...

YAP

YAP

YAP

CHATTER

CHATTER

YOU'RE DEFINITELY NOT ALONE.

WELL, WHETHER OR NOT YOU KNOW IT, BIG SIS YUI...

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

HEE HEE...

FAMILY, HUH?

YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH.

TEE HEE

SIGH... THANK YOU, RAKKY.

GASP!

I DON'T GET IT...

GRIN

BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! WE AREN'T ACTUALLY BLOOD RELATED...

HUH?

I HOPE ONE DAY WE CAN BE FAMILY FOR REAL. ♡

TEE HEE HEE...

NO NEED TO BE BASHFUL, RAKKY!

YOU'RE TEASING ME AGAIN!!

I said no!
Pleeease!
No way!
One more time.

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They'll pay for this!! They'll be sorry!!
How come the story's about Yui again?!
I'm the one on the front page!!
What ?!

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER

TEACHER!

MS. YUI!

YES!

YAP

COULD YOU SET UP ANOTHER MEETING?

THE COACH YOU INTRODUCED ME TO GAVE ME GREAT ADVICE!

YAP

I BROUGHT THE BOOK I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT. WILL YOU READ IT?

THE EDUCATIONAL DVD YOU LENT ME WAS REALLY HELPFUL!

YAP

I NEED HELP WITH MY ENGLISH HOME-WORK TOO!

HEY, COULD YOU HELP ME WITH THIS PROBLEM NEXT?

YAP

YAP YAP YAP

...BUT I'LL DO EVERY-THING THAT I CAN!

LEAVE IT TO ME!

I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING...

...

ER... WELL...

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

YUI REALLY SEEMS TO HAVE MORE ENERGY THAN EVER LATELY.

YOU KNOW VERY WELL!

WHAT IS IT, ICHIJO?

OH, HI!

HEY!

MS. YUI!

IT'S OKAY. I'M TOTALLY FINE!

OH, THAT.

BUT LISTEN ...

YOU'RE FINE?

JUST THE OTHER DAY, WE TALKED ABOUT NOT OVER-DOING IT!

ARE YOU REALLY OKAY?

YOU'RE GOING A MILE A MINUTE!

I FEEL LIKE I COULD DO ANYTHING!

FOR SOME REASON ...

EVER SINCE THE OTHER DAY WHEN I COLLAPSED, MY BODY FEELS AS LIGHT AS A FEATHER!

NO...

I'M REALLY FINE.

HMM.

...

WELL, OKAY THEN.

DON'T WORRY. I WON'T OVERDO IT.

AND THANKS FOR YOUR CONCERN! ♡

IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, ICHIJO.

OH!

Tee hee...

I KNOW, I KNOW!

YEESH!

YOU'D BETTER NOT!! ARE YOU REALLY LISTENING, HERE?

IF I COLLAPSE AGAIN, WILL YOU TAKE CARE OF ME AGAIN?

ICHIBA

HEY, YOU'VE GOT A LITTLE FLUFF ON YOUR SHOULDER.

SHP

DA

WELL, TAKE CARE NOW!

THANKS... ...

BA-DMP

...??

BA-DMP

SHE'S WORKING EVEN HARDER THAN BEFORE, BUT SHE DOESN'T SEEM TIRED.

PLUS, SHE'S GOTTEN TO BE EVEN MORE EFFICIENT AT HER WORK SINCE COMING TO JAPAN.

...THE DON SEEMS REALLY DIFFERENT.

EVER SINCE THE OTHER DAY...

...IT'S CLEARLY FOR THE BEST...

I SUPPOSE...

Heh heh...

...THIS BRAT'S INFLUENCE.

IT'S ALL...

I'D LOVE A COOKING LESSON.

HEY, WANT TO MAKE DINNER TOGETHER TONIGHT?

SURE, HUH? IF YOU WANT.

TEE HEE! THAT'S TRUE!

WELL, THIS IS UNUSUAL.

WE USUALLY DON'T GO HOME AT THE SAME TIME.

PHEW...

CLATTER

SEE YOU IN A BIT!

YEP!

HMM?

HUH?

UH...

UH...

WHAAAAAAAAT?

THE WALL'S GONE?!

KREEK

THE WALL...

SHF

I DID IT.

DO YOU KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT THIS?

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?!

NO... I'M AS SUR-PRISED AS YOU ARE!

HOW COME OUR ROOMS ARE SUDDENLY CON-NECTED, YUI?!

NIGHT?

BUT WHY...?

MS. NIGHT!

YOU DID THIS...?

...GET MARRIED.

TO FORCE YOU TO...

W-W-W-WAIT A MINUTE!!

HUH?!

MARRIED?!

I'VE DECIDED TO SUPPORT YOU TWO IN DEEPENING YOUR RELATIONSHIP TOWARD GETTING MARRIED. YOU'RE WELCOME.

WHAT ARE YOU, DEAF? TO FORCE YOU TO GET MARRIED!

WHAT?!

NIGHT, IS THIS FOR REAL?

THAT'S MY ROLE.

!

WHERE DID THIS COME FROM?!

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!!

AT THE TIME, WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO CHOOSE THIS YOUNG MISSY AS THE GROUP'S DON.

THE CHAR SIU KAI IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR WHAT A GOOD JOB SHE'S DONE.

IN OTHER WORDS...

"THEY'D WANTED HER FATHER, ACTUALLY, BUT SINCE HE WAS GONE, THEY CHOSE HER INSTEAD...."

NO... NOT AT ALL...

YOU FOLLOW ME?

LISTEN, BRAT...

DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU THE OTHER DAY?

?!

THE CHAR SIU SYNDICATE IS CURRENTLY FACING A GRAVE CRISIS OF SUCCESSION.

!!

FAMILIAL TIES MATTER MORE THAN ANYTHING TO THE CHAR SIU KAI.

THERE WAS NO OTHER CANDIDATE.

AND SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY FAMILY.

HAVING YOU IN HER LIFE HAS CHANGED HER. SHE DOES A BETTER JOB, AND SHE'S MORE FEMININE.

THIS IS AN HONOR. THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE DON OF THE CHAR SIU KAI IS VERY RARE.

MY JOB IS TO PROTECT THE DON, AND I HAVE ONE OTHER RESPONSIBILITY...

TO FIND THE DON AN APPROPRIATE LIFE PARTNER AND FACILITATE THE CONTINUATION OF HER FAMILY LINE!

GRIN

OF COURSE, WHY WOULD YOU REFUSE?

JUST SO YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT OPTIONAL.

YOU HAVE TO GET MARRIED.

DON'T WORRY. I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU LEARN TO SEE HER AS A WOMAN VERY QUICKLY.

THAT'S JUST A MATTER OF YOUR ATTI-TUDE.

WHAT ?!

W-WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?!

WE MAY NOT BE BLOOD RELATED, BUT WE'RE LIKE BROTHER AND SISTER...

PLENTY OF REASONS!!

MAR-RIAGE ?!

!

SCARY !!!

THE CHAR SIU KAI CAN STOMP OUT THE BEEHIVE IN NO TIME FLAT.

A TRIFLING ISSUE.

AH, YES. THE BEEHIVE GIRL?

B-BESIDES... I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND AND ALL!

I COULDN'T MARRY SOMEONE ELSE!

WHAT A CRAZY IDEA...

MARRIAGE ?!

FOR REAL?!

HEY!

WAIT!!

WELL, THERE YOU HAVE IT.

SHOOP

FOR NOW, I'LL ASK RYU AND THE GUYS TO FIX THE WALL.

WELL, JEEZ... I JUST HOPE SHE DOESN'T PULL ANYTHING FUNNY.

...

PLUS, SHE'S VERY POWERFUL WITHIN THE CHAR SIU...

NIGHT HAS BEEN MY MENTOR SINCE DAY ONE. I CAN'T OPPOSE HER!

I CAN'T DO THAT!

GOOD GRIEF, HOW OLD IS SHE?!

CAN'T YOU JUST ORDER HER TO FORGET THIS?

YOU'RE THE DON, RIGHT, YUI?

CHIRP

CHIRP

OF COURSE, I DON'T MIND THE IDEA...

I WONDER IF NIGHT'S REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.

WHAT'S WRONG, YUI?

THUMP THUMP THUMP

TEMPORARY WALL

HUH?!

JOLT

EEEEEEEK!!

BLR FF

HUH?

CLOTHES!!!

EEK! I DIDN'T REALIZE !!

RAKKY, DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO MY UNDERWEAR?!

SOMEONE REPLACED IT ALL WITH FANCY LINGERIE...

TA—DAA! AAAAAH?!

THIS IS RIDICU-LOUS...

YEESH! THAT'S HOW SHE MEANT SHE'D MAKE ME SEE BIG SIS AS A WOMAN...

HMM?

FWIPP

Modern

WHEN DID SHE DO ALL THIS?!

AND ON MY CELL PHONE HOME SCREEN!!

AUGH!! THEY'RE IN MY WALLET TOO!!

Dude, quiet down!

Since someone drew a bath for me...

MIGHT AS WELL TAKE ONE NOW.

Bath is ready. Get in before it gets cold.

OH. GUESS MY BATH'S FIXED.

GUESS I'LL MAKE A PHOTO ALBUM LATER.

WELL, SHEESH. THERE'S NO POINT IN PUTTING THOSE PHOTOS EVERYWHERE.

SLAM

YIKES!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING, YUI?!

SHOO

I DON'T GET IT.

WHAT'S UP WITH ME?

BA-DMP

BA-DMP

I MEAN, THIS IS HOW I'D EXPECT YOU TO REACT, HONESTLY!

GEEZ... TODAY'S REACTION'S SO DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER DAY'S.

YUI?!

W-WHAT?!

HAHH...

HAHH...

GASP!

BUT SHE SEEMS REALLY DIFFERENT NOW...

WHAT HAPPENED TO HER? SHE WAS SO BOLD AND UNINHIBITED BEFORE...

IT WAS A PROBLEM, ACTUALLY ...

JOLT!

HEY, YUI!

EEEK!!!

CLATTER

YOU'RE FATIGUED AGAIN...

BUT YOUR FACE IS BRIGHT RED!!

YOU'RE FINE?!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

G-GEE... IT'S KINDA HOT... MAYBE I'M OVER-HEATED...

OH... THAT'S WEIRD...

IF YOU'RE HIDING IT, I'M GOING TO BE MAD!!

ARE YOU OKAY?! YOU'RE NOT PUSHING YOURSELF TOO HARD AGAIN, ARE YOU?!

TMP TMP TMP

I...I'M OKAY! I'M TOTALLY FINE...

GOT THAT?

IF SOMETHING'S THE MATTER, I WANT YOU TO TELL ME!

!

WELL, ANYWAY, LIKE I SAID BEFORE...

WE'RE LIKE BROTHER AND SISTER, RIGHT?

SHOOSH

?!

BROTHER AND SISTER...

HMM...

YES...

...

RAKKYY!

HUH?

FOR REAL?!

MY FUTON'S GONE AND I FOUND THIS...

CAN I SLEEP WITH YOU?

Wah...

YOU SLEEP WITH THE BRAT

WHAAT?

WHY DON'T WE JUST SHARE IT?

I'LL SLEEP OVER THERE. YOU CAN HAVE MY FUTON.

ALL RIGHT.

WE CAN'T DO THAT! THAT'S JUST WHAT MS. NIGHT WANTS!

WHOEVER HEARD OF SIBLINGS SHARING A FUTON...EVEN IF THEY'RE CLOSE!

SHEESH! HOW COME MS. NIGHT JUST DOESN'T GET IT?

HOW COULD I MARRY MY SISTER?

RAKKY...

YOU REALLY ONLY THINK OF ME AS A SISTER?

HUH?

HUH ?!

WHERE'D THAT COME FROM...

AM I...

...TOTALLY UNAT-TRACTIVE TO YOU?

...AS A GIRL AT ALL, DO YOU?

YOU REALLY DON'T SEE ME...

IF I FOUND YOU UNATTRACTIVE ...

...THERE'D BE NO PROBLEM, WOULD THERE?

Can't believe you made me admit it...

I SEE ...

...

?!

AUGH! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

POKE

?!

KAFWAMP!!

RRR RR

HUH?

SOME-BODY... HELP!!

ACK!! I CAN'T HELP IT!!

EEK! RAKKY, YOU'RE TOUCHING MY...

I...I CAN'T BREATHE !!

THE FLOOR WAS RIGGED ?!

W-WHAT THE HECK?!

MAYBE I OVERDID IT A LITTLE...

ZZZZ

CHIRP CHIRP

Heh heh... Heh heh heh heh heh heh...

Not one panel.

I didn't appear in a single panel.

...OYAKO-DON!

I WANT TO EAT...

*NOTE: OYAKODON IS CHICKEN AND EGGS OVER RICE

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I SUPPOSE I COULD...

GEE, THAT CAME OUT OF NOWHERE.

HEY, TSUGUMI... CAN YOU MAKE OYAKODON?

A REALLY GOOD COOK...

I THINK I COULD IF A REALLY GOOD COOK TAUGHT ME.

RIGHT. I'M NOT SURE I COULD MAKE IT VERY WELL, EITHER.

BUT OUR COOK DOESN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT JAPANESE FOOD...

IT WAS ON A TV SHOW THE OTHER DAY, AND IT LOOKED SOOOO GOOD.

...

OH!

WELL, I DON'T REALLY. BUT THERE WASN'T ANYONE ELSE.

SO YOU WANT ME TO TEACH YOU HOW TO MAKE OYAKODON?

BESIDES, SINCE IT WAS THE MISTRESS'S IDEA...

*And I'd rather die than ask Marika ...*

YOU'RE ASTOUNDINGLY GENEROUS TOWARD HER.

BEING DEMANDING IS PART OF HER CHARM.

DON'T BAD-MOUTH MY MISTRESS!

Y'KNOW, IT'S AWFULLY DEMANDING OF HONEY TO SUDDENLY INSIST THAT SOMEONE MAKE HER OYAKODON.

I UNDERSTAND.

AND IF I'M GOING TO MAKE IT FOR HER, I'D RATHER HAVE IT COME OUT REALLY GOOD.

UNFORTUNATELY, I'VE NEVER MADE OYAKODON...

CAN'T YOU MAKE OYAKODON ON YOUR OWN?

THE BEEF-AND-POTATOES STEW YOU MADE THE OTHER DAY WAS AMAZING.

ON THE ONE HAND...

GOOD. THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS.

I MAKE IT A LOT AT HOME.

WELL, I'M PRETTY CONFIDENT IN MY OYAKODON.

IT'S AMAZING HOW TRUSTING OF ME SHE'S BECOME.

SHOOp

...I KNOW SHE'S DOING THIS FOR CHITOGE...

WHAT ?!

WHY'RE YOU STARING AT ME?!

NO REA-SON ...

BUT STILL, THE FACT THAT SHE'S WELCOMING ME INTO THEIR HOUSE...

...WOULD'VE BEEN UNFATHOMABLE NOT THAT LONG AGO.

KLIP

THE REST IS JUST ROUTINE.

THE KEY IS IN THE PREP AND SEASONING OF THE MEAT. THE ONLY OTHER THING IS COOKING THE EGG JUST RIGHT.

GOOD, GOOD.

TONK

HMM.

TONK

TONK

...THIS KITCHEN...

AND I NEVER NOTICED THIS BEFORE, BUT...

GLANCE

IT'S HARD TO RECONCILE THAT WITH HER BEING AN ASSASSIN...

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE ACTUALLY SEEN HER COOK... SHE'S VERY GOOD.

PLUS, THE WAY STUFF IS STORED...

AND EVERYTHING'S SPARKLING CLEAN.

THEY'RE ALL WORN IN, BUT ALSO WELL MAINTAINED...

ALL OF THE DISHES AND UTENSILS ARE WELL ORGANIZED AND EASY TO FIND...

KAPPA

SUGGR SALT

THERE'S EVEN HOMEMADE YOGURT IN THE FRIDGE.

...READY TO USE AT ANY TIME.

PLASTIC BAGS ARE SORTED BY SIZE AND FOLDED INTO TRIANGLES...

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中

THERE'S NO DEAD SPACE, AND IT'S ALSO EASY TO ACCESS.

EVERY-THING'S STORED AND ARRANGED VERY EFFI-CIENTLY...

WOULDJA QUIT STARING AT ALL MY STUFF!

HEY YOU!!

Even better than me!

DANG, SHE'D MAKE A GOOD HOMEMAKER!

HMM?

WHAT IS IT?

STAARE

WELL... I COULDN'T HELP NOTICING...

SO...

WHAT NEXT?

NEXT...

YOU'RE SUCH A SLOB.

YOU SHOULD TRY A LITTLE HARDER. YOU'RE THE MISTRESS'S BOYFRIEND, AFTER ALL.

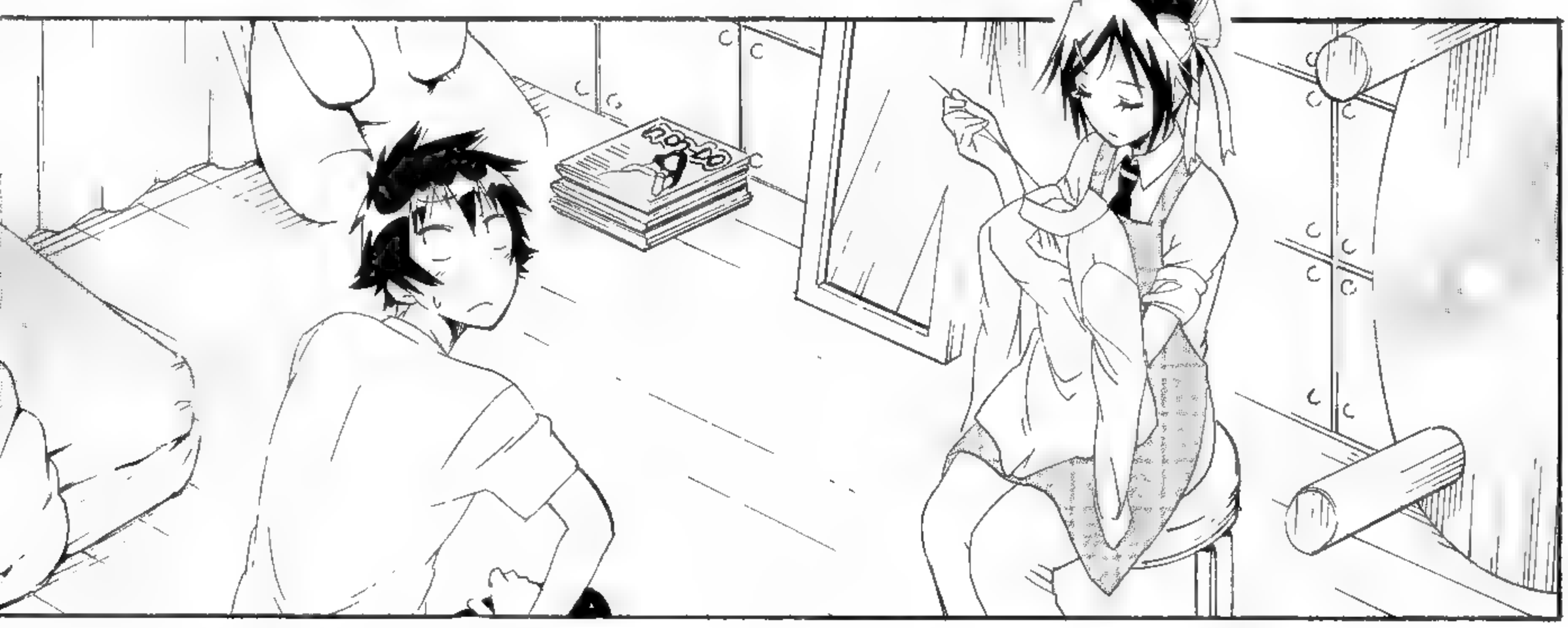
OH. SO IT IS.

YOUR BUTTON'S ABOUT TO FALL OFF.

GIVE IT HERE.

I'LL FIX IT.

HUH?!




YOU SURE HAVE A LOT OF SKILLS. I DIDN'T REALIZE.

WOW. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD SEW TOO.

IT'S REALLY NO BIG DEAL.

SNIP

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ALONE...

...SO I HAD TO LEARN TO DO EVERYTHING FOR MYSELF.

!

I'VE BEEN TAKING CARE OF THE MISTRESS FOR A LONG TIME NOW.

BE-SIDES ...

SO I HAD TO LEARN TO DO BASIC HOUSEHOLD TASKS.

I FORGET SOMETIMES THAT SHE'S LIKE YUI... SHE HAS NO FAMILY AT ALL IN THE WORLD.

Seishiro!!

THAT'S RIGHT... TSUGUMI WAS AN ORPHAN CLAUDE TOOK IN.

HUH?

ARE YOU...

...OKAY?

SO I JUST WONDERED... IF YOU HAD STUFF LIKE THAT TOO...

AND SHE ALWAYS LOOKS HAPPY, BUT SHE'S ACTUALLY ALWAYS STRAINING TO MAKE OTHER PEOPLE HAPPY.

SORRY. I MEAN...

THE THING IS, I HAVE A FRIEND WHO DOESN'T HAVE ANY FAMILY, LIKE YOU...

YOU MEAN, YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME?

WELL... YEAH.

I DON'T THINK OF MYSELF AS UNFOR-TUNATE.

BUT THERE'S NO NEED.

NO, YOU DIDN'T. I'M JUST A LITTLE SURPRISED.

IF I DID, I'M REALLY...

SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO OFFEND YOU!

!

NOBODY'S EVER WORRIED ABOUT ME LIKE THAT BEFORE.

I HAVE THE MISTRESS.

AND MOST OF ALL...

I HAVE PAULA, AND I HAVE FRIENDS...

I HAVE A HOME NOW.

IN FACT, I CONSIDER MYSELF LUCKY.

I ACTUALLY DON'T REMEMBER MUCH OF MY PARENTS OR MY PREVIOUS LIFE.

THE JOY AND COMFORT OF COMPANION-SHIP...

AND...

SHE'S GIVEN ME SO MUCH.

...EVEN MY NAME.

WHAT?!

...COMES FROM MY MISTRESS.

BUT THE NAME TSUGUMI...

HUH?

YOUR NAME'S SEISHIRO?

YES.

THAT'S HOW I GOT THE NAME SEISHIRO.

Flipping through a name book, right?

You remembered!

I THOUGHT CLAUDE NAMED YOU...

HOLD ON A SEC.

*NOTE: TSUGUMI MEANS "THRUSH."

THE NAME OF THE BIRD DADDY TAUGHT ME THE OTHER DAY WAS REALLY SWEET...

LET'S SEE...

THEN I'LL GIVE YOU A GIRL'S NAME!

HUH?

IT WAS A MISTAKE...

OH...

EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A GIRL?

STARTING TODAY, YOU'RE TSUGUMI!

TSUGUMI!

THAT'S IT!

AFTER THAT, SHE GAVE ME A LOT OF OTHER GIFTS TOO.

LIKE MY BIRTHDAY.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT MY ORIGINAL NAME WAS, BUT AFTER BEING CALLED A BOY'S NAME ALL THAT TIME...

...

I WAS SO THRILLED.

PLIP

AT FIRST, I SERVED HER BECAUSE IT WAS MY JOB.

EVEN NOW.

SHE DESIGNATED THE DAY WE FIRST MET AS MY BIRTHDAY, AND SHE CELEBRATES IT EVERY YEAR.

HAPPY BIRTH

*WOW...*

*THERE'S SO MUCH YOU'RE MISSING.*

...I WANT TO SERVE HER FROM DEEP WITHIN.

BUT NOW...

I'LL GIVE YOU A NAME AND A BIRTHDAY...

IF YOU WANT A SISTER, I CAN DO THAT!

AND IF YOU WANT A FRIEND, I'LL BE THAT TO YOU TOO!

I'LL GIVE YOU EVERYTHING I CAN!

WELL, I'LL MAKE UP FOR THAT STUFF!

AND...

EVEN THE HAM FROM MY BREAK-FAST.

AND MY CANDY AND TREATS.

I'LL SHARE MY TOYS WITH YOU.

THEN...

YOU WON'T BE LONELY ANYMORE.

...I WANT TO BE STRONG ENOUGH TO ALWAYS PROTECT YOU!

WHEN I GROW UP...

?

SURE, OKAY.

...

WHEN...

...IT WAS A VERY IMPORTANT MOMENT.

...BUT FOR ME...

MY MISTRESS DOESN'T EVEN REMEMBER THAT CONVERSATION...

..HER HAPPINESS IS CRUCIAL TO ME.

SO THAT'S WHY...

I NEVER REALIZED SHE FELT THAT WAY...

WOW...

I WOULDN'T HAVE THIS LIFE TODAY WITHOUT HER.

AS LONG AS SHE'S AROUND, I'LL ALWAYS BE HAPPY.

LISTEN, RAKU ICHIJO...

...IF YOU DON'T MAKE MY MISTRESS HAPPY, YOU'RE IN FOR IT!

ALSO... RECENTLY, I...

I WONDER IF SHE'D LET ME LIVE IF SHE KNEW THE TRUTH...

UH... HHHUH...

...I WILL PERSONALLY PUNISH YOU. GOT THAT?

IF YOU EVER DO ANYTHING TO MAKE HER CRY...

Mwa ha ha...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?!

...

C'MON. LET'S GET BACK TO WORK.

NAH... FORGET IT.

OH... RIGHT... HUH?

I CAN'T BELIEVE I ALMOST TOLD HIM...

...THAT LATELY, THE IDEA OF ME AND HIM TAKING CARE OF THE MISTRESS TOGETHER...

...DOESN'T SEEM SO BAD...

YEAH. RIGHT!

WE'VE GOTTA MAKE THE MISTRESS THE BEST OYAKODON SHE'S EVER TASTED.

WELL, ANY-WAY...

I STILL DON'T CONSIDER HIM GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER!!

WHAT WAS I THINKING?!

?!

HWSH

FWSH

WHSH

FLASH

OH!

HEY, GOOD IDEA!

THE MISTRESS'S FAVORITE FOOD...

SUGAR SALT

She eats a lot.

I BET SHE'D LIKE THAT EVEN BETTER.

WHILE WE'RE AT IT, WHY DON'T WE MAKE HER MORE OF HER FAVORITE FOODS?

I HAVE AN IDEA!

?

WELL, YOU SEE, WE WERE JUST GOING TO MAKE OYAKODON, AS PER YOUR REQUEST...

BUT THEN WE DECIDED TO GO ALL OUT WITH ALL YOUR FAVORITES...

TING

I THOUGHT I'D STAY TO SEE YOUR REACTION...

WELL...

My reac-tion?

HOW COME YOU'RE HERE?

DARLING?

WHAT?!!

SO WE MADE A SORT OF OYAKODON-RAMEN.

TA-DAA!

WELL, ANYWAY... GIVE IT A TRY.

WAIT A SEC... ISN'T THIS KINDA TOO OBVIOUS?

I GET THAT YOU PUT TWO OF MY FAVORITE FOODS TOGETHER, BUT...

I'M NOT SURE THIS WILL TASTE GOOD...

I JUST WANTED REGULAR OLD OYAKODON.

MFF!

IT'S DELICIOUS!

You guys rock!!
Yes, please !!
We made you a regular oyakodon too!
Not to mention...
FWAA...

# Chapter 150: Groups

CHATTER CHATTER

DOOONG DAIANG

LISTEN UP, CLASS! I HAVE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCE-MENT!

CHATTER

NEXT WEEK IS THE EVENT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR...

...TRIP! ♡

OUR CLASS...

Heh! ♡

# Chapter 150: Groups

Or is that a real thing?
Is it my imagina-tion?
How come it seems like I'm the only one without fresh costumes?
Marika...

DESTINATION, KYOTO!

Kyoto

OKAY!

WE'RE GOING TO ASSIGN GROUPS TODAY.

THE TRIP WILL BE FOR THREE NIGHTS, FOUR DAYS. WE'LL DO ON-SITE, HANDS-ON LEARNING, AND YOU'LL LEARN TEAMWORK WITH YOUR GROUP.

YAY!!

TALK ABOUT DRAMATIC.

I'M SO GLAD I LIVED TO SEE THIS DAY!!

THE BIGGEST EVENT OF A HIGH SCHOOLER'S LIFE!!

IT'S HERE!!

IT'S FINALLY HERE!! OUR CLASS TRIP!!

IT'S HERE, IT'S HERE, IT'S HERE!!

I'VE NEVER BEEN THERE, AND I WANT TO CHECK OUT THE JAPANESE SWEET SHOPS!

WELL, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!

Haru asked me to bring her back some.

Last year they went to Hawaii!

KYOTO, HUH?

WISH WE COULD GO OVERSEAS OR TO OKINAWA OR SOMETHING.

HUH?

THAT IS, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED ...

ICHIJO, MAYBE WE COULD GO AROUND TOGETHER?

Yep!

FOR REAL? I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE JAPANESE SWEETS.

You do?

KOSAKI AND I GET JAPANESE SWEETS ALL THE TIME! RIGHT?

THAT WAS BEFORE!

YEAH!!

OF COURSE!

I WANNA GO TOO!!

RAKU DEEEEAR-EST!!

WHMP!

AND TSUGUMI AND RURI TOO!

LET'S ALL BE IN THE SAME GROUP!!

What if we're in the same group? Huh?

Hey, hey!

YEAH, FUN!!

Get away.

TACHI-BANA...

LET'S STICK TOGETHER ON THE CLASS TRIP, OKAY?

I'M SOOO LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!

Tee hee

I WANT US TO VISIT THEM ALL!

KYOTO HAS LOTS OF SHRINES AND TEMPLES DEDICATED TO LOVE!

FLIPPA

WELL, WE'LL HAVE TO DECIDE AS A GROUP...

TWITCH

IT'S HUGE!!

LOOK WHAT I MADE!

You made that?!

TA-DAA!

My Trip to Kyoto with Raku Dearest
A Guidebook

THE POINT OF THE SCHOOL TRIP IS TO LEARN TEAMWORK.

SO DON'T TRY TO HIJACK EVERY-THING!

WELL, AREN'T YOU STRICT.

DON'T PRETEND YOU'RE NOT EXCITED TOO.

WHAT-EVER!

...

THAT'S RIGHT, MARIKA TACHIBANA.

SKWEEZ

I'D LOVE TO GO SOMEWHERE LIKE THAT WITH ONODERA...

...

SHRINES DEDICATED TO LOVE...?

Tee hee hee...

RIGHT...

I HAVE TO BE IN THE SAME GROUP...

...WITH RAKU

RAKU DEAREST ICHIJO!

BECAUSE IN KYOTO...

SKWEEZ

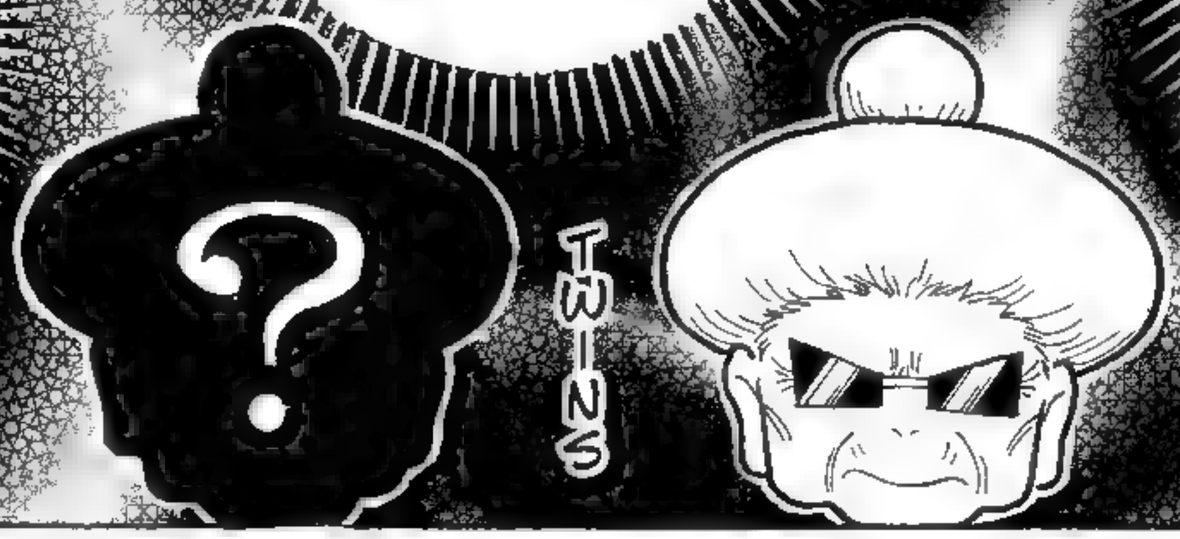
...WITH A MIRACULOUS 90 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE FOR HAVING YOUR LOVE REQUITED!

THERE'S A SUPER FAMOUS SHRINE OF LOVE...

SHE MUST BE LEGIT!!

AND THE PRIESTESS THERE IS THE TWIN SISTER OF THE PRIESTESS WE MET AT NEW YEAR'S!

RUMOR HAS IT THAT IF YOU GO THERE WITH THE PERSON YOU LIKE AND DO A CERTAIN THING, THAT PERSON WILL BE YOURS.



WE HAVE TO GO THERE TOGETHER!

SORRY TO INTERRUPT THE EXCITEMENT...

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE, CLASS!

THEY ALWAYS LET THE STUDENTS CHOOSE, PRETTY MUCH.

*HEH HEH...* NOT TO WORRY!

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT GROUPS WE'LL BE IN YET.

?!

WHAAAAT?!

THIS YEAR...

...THE GROUPS ARE TO BE CHOSEN BY LOTTERY.

I HAVE BAD NEWS.

IT'S ABOUT CHOOSING OUR GROUPS.

BOO BOO BOO

FOR REAL?!

NO FAIR!!

THAT'S TYRAN-NY!

BOO

...WHEN WE LET THE STUDENTS CHOOSE IN THE PAST, SOME GROUPS GOT TOO ROWDY AND WILD, AND THE GROUPS WEREN'T BALANCED...

THE TEACHERS DECIDED AT OUR STAFF MEETING.

...WILL ONLY BE IN MY GROUP IF I DRAW THE RIGHT LOT?!

RAKU...

THEN ONODERA...

BY LOTTERY?!

WHA...?!

GULP

PLEASE, GODS, LET ME BE WITH ONODERA!

PLEASE...

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I'D BE IN A GROUP WITH ONODERA...

RATS!

WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME...

LET'S GET STARTED.

PLEASE...

!

WHO ELSE IS IN GROUP A?

WHSH WHSH

GROUP A...

TWITCH

YOU'RE ALSO IN GROUP A, CHITOGE?

OH!

...

Group A

GROUP A...

WOW, WE'RE SO LUCKY!!

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS...?

YAY!! YOU'RE IN GROUP A TOO, KOSAKI?!

HOORAY, HOORAY, HOORAAAY!!

Group A

I'M SO GLAD WE'RE IN THE SAME GROUP!

YAY YAY

NO WAAAAY!! YOU TOO, TSUGUMI?! THIS IS AMAZING!!

YAY

Group A

YOU'RE BOTH IN GROUP A?

OH, HEY!

UGH.

Group A

WHAT IS THIS? EVERYONE'S IN THE SAME GROUP? YUCK.

MARIKA?!

YOU TOO?!

Me too!

Group A

WHAT?

YOU'RE IN GROUP A TOO?

YOU TOO, RURI?!

RURI?!

I'M SO GLAD!!

I WAS WORRIED WHEN SHE SAID WE'D BE DRAWING LOTS, BUT THIS IS GOING TO BE GREAT!

WE'RE PRETTY MUCH ALL TOGETHER!

WOW!! I GUESS THIS WAS MEANT TO BE!

GLANCE

COME TO THINK OF IT...

WAIT...

AREN'T WE MISSING SOMEONE?

Group E

Group E
Group E
Group E
Group E
Group E
Group E

...HA HA HA HA HA!

BWAAA...

MWA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

YOU GUYS ARE MERCI-LESS!

I think I might cry!!

HOW D'YOU LIKE THEM APPLES, FOOL?

THINK ABOUT HOW SPOILED YOU'VE BEEN UP TILL NOW!!

YOU'RE FINALLY GETTING WHAT YOU DESERVE!!

SERVES YOU RIGHT, ICHIJOOOO !!!

HEH...

HEY... I DON'T NEED YOUR PITY!

ICHIJO...

SHP

SHUT UP!! I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU GUYS LOOK SO HAPPY!!

PFFFFF !!

TOO BAD YOU DON'T GET TO BE WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND, KIRISAKI, BUT STILL.

WELL, ANYWAY... THIS IS COOL! IT'LL BE FUN, JUST US GUYS!

BAD LUCK!!

GAAAAH!! AND I WAS SO EXCITED ABOUT THE CLASS TRIP!

BWA HA HA

BWA HA HA

DANG IT!!

BWA HA HA HA HA HA HA

Wah ha

Wah ha

Ahhhhh...

Enjoy yer trip!

HAVE FUN, YOUNG MASTER!!

UH-OH... WOKE UP A LITTLE LATE...

COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO

THE DAY OF...

...THE CLASS TRIP.

WELL... THE GROUPS ARE WHAT THEY ARE. NOTHING I CAN DO.

BESIDES, WE'LL HAVE CHANCES TO TALK OUTSIDE OF GROUP ACTIVITIES.

AN ALL-GUY GROUP'LL BE MELLOW AND FUN.

HEH...

GOTTA LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE.

SHOP

HONK!

STILL, THOUGH ...

IT WOULD'VE BEEN GREAT TO BE TOGETHER ...

Y-YOU OKAY?!

LET ME HELP YOU!

HONK!

CAN YOU TELL ME HOW TO GET TO THIS SHOP?

EXCUSE ME...

UH-OH. GOTTA HURRY OR I'LL BE LATE...

HUH?

PHEW

THANK YOU, DEAR.

NO PROB-LEM.

HUH?

OH, DEAR. SOUNDS DIFFICULT...

WOULD YOU MIND SHOWING ME THE WAY, DEAR?

...AND AT THE NEXT SIGNAL AFTER THAT...

STRAIGHT DOWN THIS STREET AND TAKE A RIGHT AT THE THIRD TRAFFIC SIGNAL...

ER... WELL...

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT?!

WHAT?!

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Train DePartur
ZONI 360
ZONI 640
ZONI 950

I TOLD YOU TO GET UP GOOD AND EARLY...

THE BULLET TRAIN'S ALMOST READY TO LEAVE!

I'LL GET A SAME-DAY TICKET AND CATCH UP TO YOU GUYS...

I'M SORRY, YUI.

IT WAS BEYOND MY CONTROL...

FROM NOW ON, NO MORE BEING LATE!

THERE'S ANOTHER STUDENT WHO WAS LATE, SO YOU CAN COME TOGETHER.

GOT IT.

WE'LL HAVE A TAXI PICK YOU UP...

WELL, HEAD OVER TO THE SCHOOL FOR NOW.

I WAS SO WORRIED!

...

THAT SLACKER!

FOR CRYING OUT LOUD...

WHAT'S WITH RAKU? HE'S LATE?

WHERE'S KOSAKI?

HMM?

FWSH FWSH

SHE SAID SOMEONE ELSE WAS LATE, TOO.

THAT MUST BE THE TAXI.

OH!

THIS DOESN'T BODE WELL FOR MY CLASS TRIP!

Bet everyone's having a blast already...

HOBBLE HOBBLE

GEEZ. I'M SURE OFF TO A BAD START!

WHAT?

HUFF...

HUH?!

O...

ONODERAAAAA?!

Thanks so much...
And then the rice store...
Next stop is the knife shop on 3rd street...

ME? WHAT ABOUT YOU?

O-ONODERA?!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

# Chapter-151:-Trouble

YEAH... ACTUALLY ...

DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE LATE TOO?

WELL, IT'S A LONG STORY...

WHAT?!

KOSAKI'S LATE TOO?!

A MIRACLE !!

Oh no!!

I lost my wallet...

I STOPPED TO HELP AN OLD MAN ON THE WAY...

I know it's hard to believe...

Same as me!

Kosaki aside...

WELL, HECK, THIS IS NO FUN!

SIGH

KOSAKI, LATE? THAT'S RARE!

APPAR-ENTLY.

SHE GOT HELD UP SOMEHOW. SHE AND ICHIJO ARE COMING ON THE NEXT BULLET TRAIN.

Well done!

GOOD THINKING, KOSAKI.

WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?!

What's with you two?

BRRRMMMM

KCHAM

Thank you!

Bonyari Station
(North Entrance)

IT'S JUST OVER TWO HOURS TO GET TO KYOTO.

THE OTHERS ARE PROBABLY RIGHT AROUND SHIZUOKA BY NOW.

MS. YUI SAID SHE'D WAIT FOR US IN KYOTO. WE SHOULD BE THERE IN TIME FOR THE AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES.

YUP.

TWO FOR KYOTO, PLEASE.

WHY DO I GET THE FEELING I'VE JUST BEEN BRUTALLY MISUNDERSTOOD?

Am I imagining things?

JUST WHEN I WAS CURSING MY LUCK... HOW COULD I GET ANY LUCKIER THAN THIS?!

YEEEESSS!! I CAN'T BELIEVE I WOUND UP ALONE WITH KOSAKI LIKE THIS!!

YEAH.

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME ON A BULLET TRAIN.

IT'S KINDA EXCITING!

VWOOSH

IT'S LIKE WE'RE GOING ON A TRIP, JUST THE TWO OF US!

WOW! IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?!

Wonder when we'll see Mt. Fuji...

I BROUGHT THEM TO SHARE WITH CHITOGE, BUT SINCE SHE'S NOT HERE...

WANT SOME SNACKS?

REALLY? THANKS!

WELL, IT IS WHAT IT IS...

YEAH, I CAN'T BELIEVE I WOUND UP SEPAR-ATED FROM ALL OF YOU!

THERE WERE LOTS OF SHOPS I WOULD'VE LIKED TO GO TO TOGETHER...

TOO BAD YOU WOUND UP IN A DIFFERENT GROUP.

I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING TO JAPANESE SWEET SHOPS WITH YOU, ONODERA...

YEAH... IT'S KIND OF A BUMMER...

Not that whining about it helps...

SNIFFLE

KIYOMIZU TEMPLE AND KINKAKU-JI TEMPLE AND SO ON...

WE'RE GOING TO THE STANDARD SIGHTS...

GUESS WE WON'T RUN INTO EACH OTHER, THEN.

WE'RE GOING TO A LOT OF SWEET SHOPS AND TEA SHOPS...

WHERE'RE YOU GOING DURING GROUP TIME?

HUH?

WHAT IF WE JUST...

...DITCH OUR GROUPS?

WELL...

IN THAT CASE...

WHAT WAS I THINKING...

You'd totally get busted!

J-JUST KIDDING!!

TH-THAT'D BE PRETTY OUT-RAGEOUS, HUH?

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

I ALMOST WISH THIS RIDE WOULD NEVER END...

I'M SO HAPPY RIGHT NOW...

Look! Mt. Fuji!

OOPS...

DID I SAY THAT OUT LOUD?

If I could, that'd be awesome!

WHOA! MAYBE I SHOULD DO IT...

WE'LL BE IN KYOTO IN NO TIME!

That was quick.

WOW, WE'RE ALREADY IN NAGOYA!

PSHHH

NAGOYA!

NAGOYA!

HUH?

STRONG WINDS?

CHATTER

CHATTER

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE?

CHATTER

DUE TO STRONG WINDS, THIS BULLET TRAIN WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

WE ARE VERY SORRY FOR THE INCON-VENIENCE.

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE.

DING DONG DING DONG

SOMETIMES THEY GET CANCELED ALTOGETHER.

ON THE NEWS, THEY SAID SOMETIMES BULLET TRAINS ARE STOPPED FOR HOURS.

CANCELED?! THAT'S TERRIBLE!

RIGHT... I GUESS TYPHOONS AFFECT BULLET TRAINS A LOT 'CAUSE THEY'RE SO FAST.

COME TO THINK OF IT, THEY SAID ON THE NEWS THERE WAS AN OFF-SEASON TYPHOON COMING...

WONDER HOW LONG WE'LL BE STOPPED.

REGULAR TRAINS CAN STILL RUN IN THIS KIND OF WIND. WE'RE CLOSE ENOUGH TO MAKE IT!

I KNOW! LET'S SWITCH TO THE REGULAR TRAIN LINE!

OKAY!

Hmm...

I GUESS WE SHOULD CALL THE TEACHER...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

YEAH, BUT THERE'S NOT MUCH SHE CAN DO ABOUT THE WEATH-ER...

YEAH.

THIS IS QUITE A TRIP.

WE MAY OR MAY NOT MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THE AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES...

KTANK

KTUNK

YOUR ATTEN-TION...

YOUR ATTEN-TION, PLEASE...

WE'RE STOP-PING...

WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?

KSHHHH

KTANK KTUNK

One thing after another...

FOR REAL? IS THIS ACTUALLY HAPPENING?!

IT MIGHT TAKE A WHILE FOR THEM TO DEAL WITH A BEAR...

A BEAR?!

THIS TRAIN HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO A BEAR ON THE TRACKS UP AHEAD.

SERVICE WILL CONTINUE WHEN THE ANIMAL HAS BEEN SAFELY REMOVED...

BRRMM

GAH! WELL THEN, WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE A BUS!

YEAH...

WE'LL MAKE IT TO KYOTO ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!!

WHAAAAT?!

WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVE-NIENCE ...

WE SEEM TO BE HAVING ENGINE TROUBLE ...

RIGHT.

...BUT I'M SURE NOTHING ELSE CAN HAPPEN NOW.

IT MIGHT TAKE US A BIT LONGER...

PSHSHRRRR

NOTHING CAN SURPRISE ME AT THIS POINT!

I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D END UP TAKING A CAB...

BRRMMM

PSHHH

IT MIGHT BE TIME TO GIVE UP DRIVING, GRAMPS!

KSHHH

Good grief!

THIS HAPPENS PRETTY OFTEN THESE DAYS...

Tow truck'll be here soon...

WE MIGHT NOT MAKE IT TO KYOTO AFTER ALL...

NOW WHAT? IT'S AFTERNOON ALREADY...

IT'S LIKE SOMETHING'S TRYING TO STOP US FROM GETTING TO KYOTO!

WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON TODAY?!

WHO KNEW THIS WAS POS-SIBLE...

IT'S TOO SOON TO GIVE UP!

RUMMAGE RUMMAGE

NO!

Ngh...

VRMMMMMMMM

BRRMMM

ER...

FROM BONYARI CITY.

Need a lift to Kyoto. Please help

BON-YARI CITY ?!

THAT FAR?!

WHERE'D YOU TWO COME FROM?

I'LL BE DARNED! DIDN'T EXPECT TO PICK UP A PAIR OF TEENAGERS OUT HERE IN THE WOODS!

BWA HA HA HA

YOU OKAY? IT'S PRETTY COLD TO BE RIDING OUTSIDE IN THIS SEASON.

ACHOO !

I'M FINE!

I SURE DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE HITCHHIKING ON OUR CLASS TRIP!

THANK GOODNESS FOR THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS ...

PFF...

TEE HEE HEE

IF WE'D JUST STAYED ON THE BULLET TRAIN, WE'D PROBABLY BE IN KYOTO BY NOW...

I'M SORRY, ONO-DERA.

SO DON'T WORRY!!

IT'S A ONE-OF-A-KIND EXPERI-ENCE!!

IT'S TOTALLY RIDICU-LOUS!

ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER ...

WELL, IT'S HILARIOUS!

YOU'RE LAUGHING ...?

?!

BESIDES, I'M WITH YOU, ICHIJO.

I'M NOT WORRIED AT ALL.

I'M HAVING A GREAT TIME.

YEAH!

ONO-DERA!

WE'VE GOT THIS!

...

OKAY, THEN! WE'LL MAKE IT TO KYOTO NO MATTER WHAT!!

WOW!!

ZING

SHHH KSHH

WHA...?

HUH?

?!

SORRY.

ENGINE SEEMS TO BE DEAD...

WRONG!!

RUNAWAY LOVERS!

I GET IT...

Kids these days...

WORMP

OH, THIS AND THAT...

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU TWO?!

OH!

RAKU!

KOSAKI!

...AND EVENTUALLY TREKKING ON FOOT. A MONKEY STOLE OUR LUNCHES, AND A WILD BOAR CHASED US...

WE WOUND UP HITCHING QUITE A FEW RIDES...

I WAS SOOO WORRIED!

YOUR CELL PHONES WENT OUT OF RANGE...

IS THAT ALL TRUE?!

...??

KO-SAKI ...

CHI-TOGE...

EVERY-BODY ...

I WAS SO WORRIED !!

THANK GOODNESS! YOU'RE BOTH OKAY!

SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAD QUITE A DAY.

BUT AT LEAST WE MADE IT.

YEAH...

HEH...

You've gotten bolder.

WHAT ?!

What are you talking about?!

NICE ONE.

GLEAM

A QUICK BATH...

NOW WE CAN EAT AND SLEEP!

STAGGER

ER, SORRY, RAKU.

ACTUALLY, THERE'S A BIT OF A PROBLEM...

HUH...?

OUR GROUP'S ROOM?

THE ROOM GOT FLOODED?

Camellia Room

THEY'RE INVESTI-GATING AND FIXING IT UP NOW...

YES.

Sakura Room

IT'S SUPPOSED TO SLEEP THREE... THE MOST FUTONS WE CAN POSSIBLY SQUEEZE IN IS FIVE.

I'M AFRAID THERE'S ONLY ONE VACANT ROOM.

TERRIBLY SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE...

FIVE IN ONE ROOM, ONE IN THE OTHER...

HMM...

THE EXTRA PERSON CAN SLEEP OUT THERE...

WE NEVER USE IT. IT'S NOT IN THE MAIN BUILDING.

THERE IS ONE OTHER ROOM...

...PAPER...

ROCK...

THIS IS THE ROOM.

JUST MY LUCK!

HAVE A GOOD REST.

SHOOP

...

I'M SO SORRY.

IT'S A VERY NICE FUTON, ANYWAY.

THANK YOU ...

OH...

AT LEAST I GOT TO SPEND TIME WITH ONODERA, BUT NOW I HAFTA STAY ALL ALONE IN A SEPARATE UNIT?!

SO MUCH FOR THE BONDING EXPERIENCE OF A CLASS TRIP!!

ALL DAY LONG...ONE THING AFTER THE NEXT... WHO'D EVER BELIEVE IT?!

WHAT'S UP WITH MY LUCK THESE DAYS?!

AAAAGH!!

WHAT'S THIS... SOMETHING SALTY RUNNING DOWN MY FACE...

AND I'M STUCK OUT HERE...

BWA HA HA HA HA

THUMP THUMP

Dazzling brightness...

BET THEY'RE HAVING PILLOW FIGHTS AND STUFF OVER THERE...

TOK TOK

HMM ...?

HUSH

...

I'M TIRED ANYWAY... I DON'T CARE IF I'M ALL ALONE...

I DON'T CARE...

FINE... I'LL JUST GO TO SLEEP!!

GAH!

FWAP

IT...IT CAN'T BE...

...

SHOOP

TOK

TOK

IT'S COMING FROM THE WINDOW...

WHAT WAS THAT?

PEEK

What're you doing?

YOU...

Um... It really wasn't like that...
Spill it!
You were done together. How far did you go?
So?
I'm telling you, it was rough. Really...

STARE

...CHITOGE?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE...

WHA—

ME, CRY? C'MON!

EVEN THOUGH I ALMOST DID...

NOTHING...

I JUST FIGURED YOU WERE PROBABLY CRYING FROM LONELINESS...

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SHUT UP.

I DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS, OKAY?

Oof

SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAD A ROUGH DAY. KOSAKI TOLD ME ALL ABOUT IT.

AND GETTING PUT OUT HERE ALL ALONE AFTER THAT...

YOU'RE JUST A GLUTTON FOR PUNISHMENT, AREN'T YOU?

OH...

WELL...

?

HUH?

YOU DIDN'T COME OUT HERE JUST TO GLOAT, DIDJA?

WHAT DO YOU WANT, ANYWAY?

SO...

NOW WHAT?! I'D RATHER DIE THAN ADMIT I CAME OUT HERE BECAUSE I WANTED TO SEE HIM...

WHAT?

?

PLIP PLIP

WHA—?!

OL' FOUR-EYES?!

I THOUGHT I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF CLAUDE LURKING AROUND THIS AFTERNOON!

W-WELL! A-ACTUALLY...

YEAH, BUT WE'RE IN DIFFERENT GROUPS AND ALL... THERE ISN'T MUCH WE CAN DO.

WHA—?!

TH-THAT'S NOT TRUE! ALL THE MORE REASON WHY WE HAVE TO MAKE IT COUNT WHEN WE GET THE CHANCE!

HMM... I GUESS.

I CAME OUT HERE TO DISCUSS HOW WE SHOULD DO OUR FAKE COUPLE ACT.

SO...YOU KNOW...

How 'bout letting a guy enjoy his youth?

FIRST THE SCHOOL CAMPING TRIP AND NOW OUR CLASS TRIP?

YOU'RE KIDDING. GIMME A BREAK!

YOU KNOW, A LITTLE POW-WOW.

SIIIIGH

HOORAY! THAT WENT SMOOTHLY!

YEAH, OKAY. I GUESS SO.

Kosaki and the others will be there too!

WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US?

LISTEN!

TOMORROW WHEN WE VISIT THE SAMURAI MOVIE VILLAGE, WE'RE NOT IN OUR GROUPS. WE GET FREE TIME, RIGHT?

The haunted house sounds fun too... Oh, but Tsugumi will freak out...

OKAY, OKAY.

I wanna go to the booby-trapped ninja house!

LET'S SEE THOSE PAM-PHLETS!

OKAY THEN... SHOULD WE DECIDE WHAT WE WANT TO SEE TOMORROW?

RUSTLE RUSTLE

IT'S TRUE THAT I WAS FEELING LONELY...

AND HONESTLY, I'M GLAD SHE'S HERE.

WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN?

I'VE GOTTEN USED TO HAVING HER NEAR.

IT'S WEIRD...

Check it out. You get to experience being a ninja. We hafta do this!

Village

NOTHING.

??

BMp

WHAT'S UP?

RUSTLE

?

...SOME-WHERE I'D LIKE TO GO WITH YOU.

...THERE'S...

HUH?

HEY...

OTHER THAN THE SAMURAI MOVIE VILLAGE TOMOR-ROW...

...DURING GROUP ACTIVITY TIME...

HOPE YOU'RE IN BED WITH LIGHTS OUT!!

HEYA!!

NO WAY!! IT'S ALREADY THAT LATE?!

Isn't it still early?!

TMP TMP

TMP TMP

?!

ACK!! THE TEACHER'S DOING A BED CHECK!

TOK TOK

I'M OPENING THE DOOR...

!!

QUICK, HIDE SOMEWHERE...

He actually came out just to check on me?!

THERE'S NOWHERE TO HIDE!

OH NO, THIS IS BAD! IF HE FINDS US LIKE THIS...

TMP

TMP

W-W-WHAT NOW??

WHSH

OH, GOOD. YOU'RE IN BED!

Im impressed!

BE QUIET FOR A MINUTE!

HE WON'T STAY LONG...

YEESH! I DON'T BE-LIEVE THIS...

I HAVE NO CHOICE!

H-HEY!

YOU'RE TOO CLOSE!!

IF WE DON'T LIE CLOSE, HE'LL SEE THAT THERE'S TWO OF US!

HURRY UP AND MOVE ON, WOULDJA?!

TOMOR-ROW? YES...

OH. YES, MR. OKAZAKI.

YEAH, HELLO?

BZZ BZZ

OH!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING...

GEEZ... WHAT A SITUATION!

DON'T MOVE... HE'LL NOTICE!

GOOD GRIEF! WHY DOES THIS STUFF ALWAYS HAPPEN?

NOTHING UNUSUAL HERE! CALM, CALM!

AAAGH! WHAT'M I THINKING? I'VE GOTTA STAY CALM...

KEEP STILL, OKAY!

HEY!

I'M IN BED WITH A GIRL?!

SHE JUST TOOK A BATH, AND SHE SMELLS GOOD...

ALL SQUISHED TOGETHER LIKE THIS, I CAN REALLY FEEL HER BODY HEAT...

FWSHH WHUD

TMP TMP TMP TMP

YES...

OKAY THEN. LATER.

GOOD NIGHT.

BEEP

I THINK SO.

IS HE GONE?

RRUMBLE RRUMBLE

WELL, THANK GOD HE DIDN'T NOTICE...

PHEW!

WHY DOES THIS STUFF HAPPEN?

SIGH...

FLASH

RRUMBLE
RRUMBLE
KSHHHHH
SHHHH
RRUMBLE
RRUMBLE
EEK!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
YEAH...
KOSAKI MENTIONED THERE WAS A TYPHOON COMING.
KSSHHSHH
THAT WAS SUD-DEN!
WHAT WAS THAT?! THUNDER AND LIGHT-NING?!
WHOA!
SHHHH
FLASH
EEK!!
B-BUT I...
YOU MEAN IT'S GOING TO KEEP GOING ALL NIGHT?!
WHAT?!
IT SHOULD BE CLEAR TOMOR-ROW.
THE RAIN AND THUNDER'S SUPPOSED TO PASS AFTER TONIGHT.
Weather
RRUMBLE
RRUMBLE
RRUMBLE
RRUMBLE
RRUMBLE
Ngh!

P-PLEASE... LET ME STAY HERE JUST A LITTLE LONGER...

FINE BY ME, BUT LET'S AT LEAST GET UP...

I'm uncomfortable.

I...I CAN'T LET GO!

I...I CAN'T EVEN... MOVE...

N-N-N-N-NOOO!!

I THOUGHT AS MUCH...

YOU GONNA MAKE IT BACK OKAY?

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING= TALK ABOUT BAD LUCK AGAIN...

SHEESH... I CAN'T MOVE.

RRUMBLE RRUMBLE

KSHHH H SH H HH

DON'T WANT HER TO BE MORE SCARED THAN SHE NEEDS TO BE...

OKAY. I'VE GOT TO BE STRONG FOR THE BOTH OF US.

IN THAT LIGHT, I DON'T HAVE IT SO BAD.

RRUMBLE

I'M SURE SHE'S TOTALLY MORTIFIED TO BE STUCK CLINGING TO ME LIKE THIS.

I DON'T GET IT EXACTLY, BUT SHE'S ABSOLUTELY TERRIFIED OF THUNDER AND LIGHTNING.

THEN AGAIN, I GUESS SHE'S THE UNLUCKY ONE.

ZZZZ

SHE'S ASLEEP !!

YOU WERE SHAKING LIKE A LEAF JUST NOW...

AND SUDDENLY YOU'RE SLEEPING LIKE A BABY?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE TERRIFIED OF THE THUNDER AND LIGHT-NING?!

H-HEY!! HOW COME YOU'RE ASLEEP ?!

RRUMBLE RRUMBLE

ZZZ

HOW CAN YOU...

...SLEEP SO PEACEFULLY?

KSSSS HHHH H SHH H HAAA AAA A

RRUMBLE RRUMBLE

CHIRP CHIRP

PLIP PLIP

ZZZZZ
ZZZZ

NORMALLY I'M UP ALL NIGHT WHEN THERE'S A THUNDER-STORM!!
AAAAGH! HOW'D THAT HAPPEN?! WHEN DID I FALL ASLEEP?!
HE MUST'VE SEEN ME ASLEEP... HOW EMBAR-RASSING !!
GAAAAH!! TODAY OF ALL DAYS, HOW COULD I JUST ZONK OUT LIKE THAT?!
...IN A BOY'S ROOM!!
I FELL ASLEEP...

UUUU

YAP
YAP

CHATTER
CHATTER

HEYA, ICHIJO!

TOUGH BREAK YESTERDAY, HUH?

*Bet you were lonely!*

ARGH ...

*I'M SORE FROM SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR...*

SNIFFLE

AH-CHOO !!

CHATTER
CHATTER

DISPERSE, PHANTOM THOUGHTS !!

POOF

HMM.

CHITOGE WAS GONE WHEN I WOKE UP...

GUESS SHE MUST'VE MADE IT BACK TO HER ROOM.

KA

OH!

BAM

KIRISAKIII! COME EAT OVER HERE!

TAK TAK

OH! SURE!!

FLAIL FLAIL FLAIL FLAIL FLAIL

OH... NOWHERE ...

THE INNKEEPER FOUND ME COWERING AND GAVE ME A PLACE TO SLEEP...

Oh, geez!

WHERE'D YOU GO LAST NIGHT, KIRISAKI?

WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU... WHAT WITH THE STORM AND ALL...

WELL, SURE...

I CAN SEE WHY THINGS WOULD BE WEIRD TODAY...

Even for her!

Toei Kyoto Studio Park

OKAY!!

REMEMBER THE RULES, AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!

YOU'RE ALL FREE UNTIL THE SET MEETING TIME!

ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE!

HEY, ICHIJO!

LET'S GO!

NO...

NOT REALLY.

I thought you'd be together...

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN WITH CHITOGE?

GOTTA REMEMBER TO ENJOY MYSELF NOW...

I FEEL A LITTLE WEIRD ABOUT IT TOO.

OF COURSE SHE MUST FEEL WEIRD ABOUT LAST NIGHT...

WHOA!

Look over there!!

I WAS SPACING OUT A LITTLE, I GUESS.

Drat. 出口

LOST THE OTH-ERS.

OOPS.

TAKE THAT, YOU SCOUN-DREL!!

I was hoping to see a show like this!

I'LL JUST STOP FOR A QUICK PEEK!

GREAT!

OHH!!

OOH... A SWORDPLAY DEMO?

YAP YAP

OH!

KTANG FWASH KLANG

WOW!

KSHANG

PREPARE TO BE PUNISHED!!

YOU ASKED FOR IT!!

HUH?

HUNH?!!

Ichijo?!

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I wanna know what happens next!
What kind of ending is that?!
Huh?!
Don't be so obvious.
Ah ha...
Ah ha ha ha ha...

☆Bonus☆

# Deluxe 4-Panel Theater

## Fruitless

The End

## You've Got It Wrong, Chitoge!